# THE COMANCHE CHIEF

FIFTY-SECOND YEAR. COMANCHE, COMANCHE COUNTY, TEXAS, JANUARY 2, 1925. NO. 19.


## AGENT CONFERS WITH FARMERS ON YEAR'S WORK

A ten-pointed program was outlined by County Agent J. A. Barton for the year 1925 in Comanche county at a meeting attended by several of the most representative and substantial farmers of the county in the office of the county agent Tuesday afernoon. The ten points were as follows:

First: To encourage the proper terracing of all hill and rolling land that is now in cultivation, and to drain properly any marsh or water-logged soils now in cultivation.

Second: To encourage soil improvement in the county by the development of a systematic crop rotation and other soil improving methods until it will be considered an agricultural sin for land to deplete in fertility.

Third: To wage a campaign for better farm homes, better farm equipment, such as barns, fences, pastures, machinery, tools, and to discourage the use of scrub sires for breeding purposes on the farm.

Fourth: To keep continually before the public the importance of better diet for rural people, as well as more comfortable, sensible and serviceable garments, and the value of knowledge in selecting appropriate material and making the garments in the home.

Fifth: To emphasize the value of raising the general standards of farm homes in the common comforts, such as an abundance of wholesome and palatable food, water, light, etc.

Sixth: To encourage better rural education, also a better social and religious environment.

Seventh: To promote health campaigns and encourage rural sanitation and hygiene.

Eighth: To interest every rural boy and girl in improved standards of farm and home life, and the value of improved agricultural practices.

Ninth: To develop a system of farming which will enable the farmer to realize the greatest possible profit on his investment.

Tenth: To aid and encourage farm organizations in perfecting a better marketing system.

This is the program suggested by the extension service of the A. & M. college and the U .S. Department of Agriculture as a basis for the work of county agents and other agencies for home and agricultural improvement. It is known as the Ten-Year Better Farming Program.

**For Community Clubs**

Besides a number of farmers who met with the county agent Tuesday there were present at the meeting, F. E. Adams, J. R. Eanes and Rev. H. B. Thompson, all of whom expressed themselves in sympathy with such a program as outlined and ready to do anything they could toward its success.

The question of community clubs was one to receive most attention, the general sentiment being that with good live organizaions in different parts of the county the more detailed parts of the program, together with other matters that may come up, will be well taken care of.

Besides the general proposition of community clubs other matters especially discussed were the county fair, terracing, boys' clubs and conservation of the soil through cover crops and crop rotation, a system of marketing fruits, etc.

It appeared to be the opinion of all those entering into the discussions that a number of community fairs in the county should be encouraged for next fall, and that these would assure the success of the county fair. While offering congratulations for the great success of the Comanche county fair last fall there was a general sentiment for a bigger county fair and on a more permanent basis.

**Make Living at Home**

Discussions of the various subjects considered was entered into by T. P. Patterson, J. B. Lacy, R. W. Fielder, N. H. Payne and others. It was the belief of practically all of them that the farmers of Comanche county have good opportunities before them. Mr. Barton, the county agent, declared it his opinion that in view of the adaptibility of this country to fruits, berries, pecans, vegetables and various other crops, the sandy land of Comanche county may some day be worth more on the market than any other of the now high priced land of Texas.

"Every farmer able to work ought to be able to make a good living at home," declared T. P. Patterson, and yet, he said there are farmers in Comanche county that do not raise a potato or a turnip, and some who never plant a spring garden.

Endorsement was given to the proposed program for the year's work as a whole.

## Invites Retiring Officers to Join the Sons of Rest

Comanche Texas, December 31, 1924

To the Retiring officers of Comanche County.

Gentlemen:—

Fully realizing your condition right at this time, knowing that you are, or will be in the morning released from the public tit, and knowing that you will be in a manner lost as to what to do, I am coming to you in this hour of distress offering you employment. While it is not our rule or custom to solicit members but knowing you Gentlemen as I do, and the many nice things I have heard of you, your standing in the community, the manner in which you have conducted your self and your business the last four years, I am taking the liberty to solicit you to become a member with us. We have some of the cream of society in our ranks, Bankers, Merchants, Doctors, Lawyers and would-be Lawyers, Clerks, Barbers, Tailors, Newspaper men and men that have never been known to do anything, and in this class you, Gentlemen, will have to serve your apprenticeship. Thought it would be better to inform you of the position you will hold in the order so that in after years you could not say I misrepresented the order to you.

Gentlemen, as President of this noble order I ask you in your hour of distress come to us we will give you comfort.

P. M. FAGAN, President of the Sons of Rest,

## NATIONAL TRIO LYCEUM NUMBER NEXT MONDAY

The National Trio will appear here on Monday evening, at the High School auditorium, under the local auspices of Lyceum Committee January 5, 1925.

The National Trio is a play which has had a very successful tour in the last few years, throughout all sections of the country. This artistic trio will prove an innovation of great merit—worthy of the backing of the best minds of the community—yet capable of giving delightful entertainment to everyone.

The National Trio was especially organized by Mr. Elias Day, of the Arts Conservatory of Chicago, and bears the stamp of his approval. The program is unique, the personnel of the company being chosen personally by Mr. Day.

Two short plays will be given, with all the attention to detail that has made Mr. Day's work notable in the entertainment world. The plays are presented by artists of experience and thorough schooling, and to prelude and interlude these plays, music of such a character as to lend atmosphere to the plays is given. We can think of no program that will have a more popular appeal to all classes of audiences. The program is interluded with child impersonations, and with vocal music, the advance notices state.

The Bureau furnishing these attractions recommends the National Trio as being one of the attractions which is a universal favorite.

## Buys 80 Acre Farm Near Comanche

E. H. Barry recently bought of I. A. Herring, formerly of Comanche but now of Alpine, an 80 acre farm two miles north of Comanche. Mr. Barry will not move to the place for the present, but has rented it out and will continue for the year on the place on which he is already located, and on which he had begun preparations for a crop before making this purchase.

## LADIES' NIGHT AT THE LIONS CLUB ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

The Lions Club meeting Monday evening afforded entertainment that was a fitting celebration of the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

It was the regular Ladies' Night of the Lions Club and it brought together an assemblage of over a hundred ladies and gentlemen in one of the most enjoyable gatherings of the year.

The menu was served by the Parent-Teachers Association, and received many compliments, both at the time of its serving and since.

With Mrs. I. M. Cochran acting as toastmistress, a very delightful program was rendered, interspersed with several "informal numbers" that kept the audience in a jolly mood. Most of these were promoted by C. P. St. Clair, a member of the program committee.

A group of songs by Miss Mary Merwin, with her sisters, Mrs. Bilsing of College Station, at the piano, and piano solos by Mrs. Henry Moore made a musical program of which the audience gave unmistakable evidence of appreciation.

An address was delivered by Rev. Harry B. Thompson. It was an inspiration for a greater year in 1925.

## NEW OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY ASSUME DUTIES

The Commissioners' court met Wednesday afternoon and approved the bonds of the new county officers, who were immediately sworn in and assumed the duties of their offices.

This was the last act of the "old" court. The new court will be a "new" court entirely with the exception of Commissioner Nabers, Judge R. A. Luker succeeding Judge F. J. Reese and Commissioners Moody, and and Commissioners Morris, Moody and Estes succeeding Payne, Harris and Robertson.

The bond of Mrs. J. W. Reese was not presented at the same time as the others Wednesday, but was presented today. Judge Luker called members of the new court in special session. the bond was approved and Mrs. Reese sworn in as tax collector at once.

Terrell Pulliam returned to Fort Worth Friday morning. He spent the holidays here with his grand-mother, Mrs. M. A. Barnes.

## *The Chief Would Like to See in 1925*

—Gas and water for Comanche.

—San Antonio highway designated.

—Davis Mountain highway designated.

—A system of good roads for Comanche county planned and under way.

—Civic and social Community organization throughout Comanche County.

—A closer and more sympathetic understanding among Comanche County people.

—A Comanche County fair association owning its grounds and equipment.

## Regular Meeting of the Lions Next Monday Evening

The regular meeting of the Lions Club will be held next Monday evening at 6:15, that being the first Monday night of the month. The regular meetings and luncheons are on the first and third Monday evening of each month, with the ladies' night coming every fifth Monday night, or once every three months.

## THREE REAL ESTATE SALES LAST WEEK

Three real estate sales have been reported this week as follows.

A. F. Gaines and wife to J. M. Young, 378 acres of the A. Smothers and A. L. Lester survey, four miles east from Gustine. Consideration $12,500.

J. M. Young and Wife to A. F. Gaines, 82 acres of the James Alcorn survey and 165 acres of the A. J. Davis et al surveys. Consideration $8,500.

Geo. W. Gleaton and wife to D. F. Clayton and J. M. Clayton, 220 acres four miles south from Comanche. Consideration $8,400.

## Will Do Terracing on Anderson Farm

County Agent Barton statest that a terracing demonstration will be given on he farm of M. B. (Uncle Mose) Anderson, on Democrat star route, five miles from town, next Wednesday. All farmers and others interested are invited to attend.

## RENFRO TELLS OF LEGISLATION HE WILL FAVOR

Thomas J. Renfro of Mullin, representative elect for the district composed of Comanche and Mills counties, was in Comanche Tuesday and stated that he would leave Wednesday for Austin.

Discussing proposed legislation, Mr. Renfro said that he was very much interested in highway tax legislation and that he was in favor of reducing the motor licenses and increasing the gasoline tax.

"I am especially interested, also," Mr. Renfro said, in getting some measure passed that will give more adequate care of the insane of Texas, so that no insane person shall be left in the jails of the state."

Mr. Renfro said that he expected to help put through a "bad check" law during the coming session of legislature. He said that he favored a law making it a felony to pass a worthless check for more than $50 and a misdemeanor to pass one for less than $50.

Mr. Renfro said that he did not favor tick eradication work just in certain sections of the state but that he believed in carrying it on in the entire state wherever needed, and would favor legislation to that effect.

Mr. Renfro has been at the State University since the opening of the present session, taking a law course. He will drop his work at the University for the present, however, as he states that he believes that his entire time should be devoted to serving his constituents as their representatives during the session of legislature.

## Vineyard and Gilbert Deputy Sheriffs

Sheriff J. T. Gilbreath has announced the appointment of Bunk Vineyard and E. C. Gilbert as deputies. Vineyard will be located in Comanche and Gilbert in De Leon.

## County Court Will Convene Monday

County court will convene in regular session next Monday. No jury cases will be heard at this sitting, no jury having been drawn for the term.


## MAJESTIC THEATER

**PROGRAM**

Week of Jan. 5-10

**Monday and Tuesday—**

Zane Grey special

With Bebe Daniel and

Ernest Torrence in

**'THE HERITAGE OF THE DESERT'**

**---"MESSAGE FROM THE SEA".--**

**Wednesady—**

Ernest Torrence in

**"THE SIDE SHOW OF LIFE"**

**"DRENCHED"**

**Thursday—**

Johnnie Hires in

**"LITTLE JOHNNIE JONES"**

**"News Pictures"**

**Friday—**

Jack Hoxie in

**"A WESTERN WALLOP"**

**"Monkey Romeo"**

**Saturday—**

Buck Jones in

**"A DESERT OUTLAW"**

**"Midnight Blues"**


## *In Support of The Gas and Water Bonds*

To me it is so important that the people authorize the issuance of both the water and gas bonds that I would submit the following.

Of the two issues I am convinced that the water is the most important. Our water supply is limited in quan? tity, unsatisfactory in quality and expensive to obtain. With the water situation as at present there is not much encouragement to the owners of natural gas to bring it here; as the purely domestic consumption of gas is never large in volume. If we had an adequate supply of water that was satisfacory in quality our town would have a reasonable assurance of substantial growth, and under this condition the incentive to bring natural gas to us would be much stronger than at present.

Some people will vote against both issues on account of the additional thirty-seven cent tax levy. It is true that this additional levy would be necessary for the first two or three years, but should we secure both the water and the gas, within five years, the net revenue from the two should more than take care of the interest on both issues and retire the maturing bonds. Our water and sewer system at present is paying about three thousand dollars per year net. This in face of the fact that the water is pumped from ten scattered wells, pump jacks being used. If we had the reservoir planned, our water expense account would be reduced at least $2000. In this case, on our present water consumption our net profits would be $5,-000. The interest on the $70,000 water bonds would $3,500, and for the first years $1,000, of principal matures each year, so the net profits on present consumption would pay the interest, pay the $1000 maturing principal, and leave a surplus of $500. In truth, if we had the reservoir supply our water sales should double, and profits increase proportionately. If we had the gas we should be able to give our people as good rates as are to be had in towns similarly located, and make a profit proportionately as great as on the water.

In conclusion allow me to say: I have served the people of Comanche as mayor for near ten years. I have never misled you on any proposition. For the past several years I have given the matter of water and gas quite a bit of thought. I have realized that both are vital to the progress and welfare of the town. I am convinced that both systems should be owned and operated by the town. Both should pay fair profits—profits sufficient to pay the interest and retire the bonds. We say to you, without reservation, if they should not so pay, under normal condition, their failure to do so must be attributed to the incompetence or lack of honesty on the part of the men charged with their operation.

Another important reason why the water bonds should be voted now is that our pumping contract with Texas Power and Light Company expires in the Spring of 1926, and the question of a reservoir supply should be settled before another contract is made.

J. R. EANES

## NEXT TUESDAY DAY FOR WATER AND GAS VOTE

Next Tuesday is the day when Comanche must decide what she will do about water and gas.

The sentiment of many business men of the town is shown in statements that they have inserted in their advertisements in this issue. Many others just as strong for both propositions have not their ads in this issue of the Chief, and hence are not making public expression in the same way.

Among the expressions that the Chief has heard, in addition to many quoted in previous issues, are the following:

Dr. C. W. McCollum: I am certainly strong for the bond issues—and especially for the gas.

Jim Slack: I am for them—that's all. For both of them strong.

W. D. Carroll: Me and my household are for them.

Miss Ola Cunningham: I am certainly for both. I am keeping my oil stove propped up on bricks and tied together with hairpins, waiting for the city to get gas so that I can put in the gas stove.

## INSPECTION OF 36 RURAL SCHOOLS IS NOW IN PROGRESS

S. E. Clark of the State Department of Education arrived in Comanche Monday and with County Supt. H. L. Gantz is now engaged in the inspection of thirty-six schools in the county applying for state aid. They have inspected twenty-five schools and expect to complete the inspection of the other eleven Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Clark has been very much pleased with the large number of trustees that have greeted him and the county superintendent on their visits to the schools. The interest shown in this respect is considerably above that of the average county, it is said.

## Melon Meeting Vandyke Tuesday

A water melon meeting is announced to be held at Vandyke Tuesday night. Everybody interested is very cordially invited to attend. Plans for getting up a sufficient acreage of melons to insure a good cash market here next summer are now under way.

## Says Comanche Is Hard to B[illegible]

E. E. Anthony, Rev. J. C. Boyd and Wade Everidge returned a little over a week ago from their trip to the Rio Grande Valley. [illegible] Anderson has gone back to that country, where he expects to locate. His many friends here will wish him great success wherever he may locate.

Wade says, however, that the trip to the Valley convinced him that unless a man has lots of money he can get a home and pay it out much easier in Comanche county than in the much heralded Valley. And the more he looks around the more convinced he is that Comanche county is mighty hard to beat. Anyway, he declares, the same men who are selling the high priced blocks of land there could come to Comanche county and sell ten acre blocks of sand.

**LOCATED AT PLAINVIEW**

P. G. Wimberly, who moved a few weeks ago to Plainview, was in Comanche this week attending to business and meeting with friends. Mr. Wimberly is located a mile and a half from Plainview, has a man to work with him, and will cultivate 157 acres this year. He is greatly pleased with his new location, declaring that he is in "the coming country" of Texas.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. M. Dudley during the holidays, were Mrs. Dudley's sister Miss Minnie Smith of Malvern Arkansas, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Robertson of Lubbock.


**WE HANDLE PURINA FEED FOR COWS AND CHICKENS THE COMANCHE PRODUCE COMPANY**

# Comanche County News

## FROM THE CHIEF'S CORRESPONDENTS

### HARMONY

Regular Correspondent

Dec. 30.—E. P. Hilber and family of Blanket visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas during the holidays

Mr. and Mrs. Linton Smith spent Christmas with Les Dillard and family of Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. Barton Collins of Sipe Springs spent several days last week with O. W. Rutherford and family.

Miss Melba McKinzie returned home Christmas day from Brownwood where she had been in a sanitarium following an operation several weeks ago.

Luther McAliley and family spent Christmas with Otho McAliley at Shiloh.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Duncan spent the holidays with T. E. Clark and family at Newburg.

J. K. Ward and family of Sidney, Mrs. M. E. Owen, Misses Gladys Witten and Rena Owen, Hugh Boyd and Ewell Rogers were Christmas dinner guests of S. S. Smith and family.

Charles Carter and family of Comanche visited his grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Fielder, Christmas day.

Quite a few from this community attended a dance at Floyd Gober's, near Newburg Friday night.

D. A. Brown and family of Mercer Gap spent Friday with Z. T. Edwards and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Gore epent Christmas day in Comanche.

Les Dillard and family of Comanche visited at S. S. Smith's Friday.

The young folks enjoyed a party at Henry Lewis' Friday night. Misses Delma and Clara Lewis spent the holidays at home.

Euell and Ace Ward of Sidney came down Friday to attend the party and spent the night at S. S. Smith's. J. C. Smith returned home with them Saturday for a short visit.

Mrs. D. Williford and family of Comanche spent Saturday at the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Linton Smith went to Cisco Saturday to visit R. G. Morris and family.

There was a party at T. O. Rogers' Saturday night, well attended by the young people of this and neighboring communities.

Harmony school opened Monday morning after a week's holiday thoroughly enjoyed by pulils and teachers.

### FELLOWSHIP

Regular Correspondent

Dec. 28.—There was no church or Sunday school at this place Sunday on account of it being so cold.

School began Monday after a week for the holidays.

Mr. Clyde Allen has moved to this community.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Layman and children of Brownwood spent a few days with Mrs. Layman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hicks and family.

Mr. J. A. Frazier of Memphis, Tenn., who has been visiting with relatives and friends, returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tinney have moved back to Runnels county.

Mr. Dave Reid, who has been working at Knox City, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reid.

Miss Lillie Tate spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. George Kates of near Energy.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper of Perice spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Tyson and baby of Brownwood visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hicks of this community.

### COTTON GROVE

Regular Correspondent

Dec. 22.— Emmet Acres bought a farm near Harmony and will move first or January. We regret to lose him and his family from this community but can recommend them to the people at Harmony as excellent neighbors.

Mr. Ben Godfrey bought the farm where Adolphus Carter lived this year, adjoining the farm of Mrs. Will Roberson. This keeps them still in the Cotton Grove community.

Mrs. Rheim and Miss Kate Ripley went to Brownwood one day last week for their Christmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Purvis of Lamkin came last Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Julian Johnson.

Although it was extremely cold last Friday afternoon, Cotton Grove school had an interesting program and a Christmas box for the children. A joyful time was had by all who attended.

We understand that Elmer Rowe has bought his father's old home place and will move about the first of January.

There was a shadow cast over the Christmas sunshine of two little boys in our neighborhood who lost their valuable Collie dogs. Tom Hutchison Jr., lost two, and Artie B. Boen lost one. The dogs never did any harm to man or beast. We wonder if the man who shot them ever owned and prized a faithful dog when he was a boy?—We guess not.

Dec. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ripley enjoyed a family reunion on Christmas day. Those present were, Mr. Sam Forehand and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Hilliard,and family of Comanche, Mr. George Ripley and family of Cotton Grove, Mrs. Rheim and Miss Kate Ripley; also Mr. Moore's family of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bolen entertained several evenings during Christmas week. Music and games of "42" with Christmas good things served for refreshments which were much enjoyed. When the strain of "Home, Sweet Home" played in waltz time was heard Mrs. Bolen could not resist it and waltzed with her husband for the first time in nearly twenty years.

Mrs. Sim Kemp, Mrs. Ewel Thompson of Dallas, and Mrs. Hollis Dewitt of Newburg visited their mother, Mrs. Will Robertson, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stallings and Mrs. Stallings Sr. spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bolen. They will leave Comanche next week for a new home in south-east Texas. They have many friends who will miss them.

### SIDNEY

Regular Correspondent

Well the holidays of 1924 have passed and all enjoyed a good time considering the enclemency of weather conditions. It was the coldest Christmas we have experienced in many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hilliard and children of Brady spent the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Vancleave and little daughters, Ona Udel and Ivane, of Abilene, after a weeks visit at Comanche and here left Saturday for their home.

Leverett Little of Sipe Springs was in Sidney Friday.

Mrs. Len Chappell, who has been ill quite a while, is still in feeble condition, it is said.

R. W. Fielder had as guests Christmas day, three brothers, Jud of Vernon, L. E. of Anson, and Jake of Bibb; and two sisters, Miss Florence of Cisco, and Mrs. Bob Janes of Bibb.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Graham Sr. and daughter,Miss Oran, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Vancleave as far as Cisco Saturday, on their return home to Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jones and children spent the holidays with relatives in Oklahoma.

Roy Fielder was home from Cisco during holidays.

Hubert Hilley of Abilene was here to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hilley a day or two first of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bagley of the west were visiting relatives here the past week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lahman Cagle, a big boy, Christmas day.

Archie Redwine and family of Colorado City are visiting relatives here during the holidays.

The little folks' Christmas tree at Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones' Christmas eve night was a great pleasure to them, and some of the older ones are said to have had a jolly time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Reece and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hilley were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Burnett in Comanche Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. George and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Denny in Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moody of Newburg were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. George Saturday night.

of Midland spent the rolidays with relatives and friends here and other parts of the country.

We are passing into the yearA. D. 1925 and we wish for the Chief force and its readers a happy and prosperous new year.

### FAIRVIEW

Regular Correspondent

Dec. 23.—Jack Cameron of Okla. is spending Christmas with homefolks at this place.

Mr. Emmet Dunlap of Harmony was a visitor in the home of J. M. McNutt last week

Miss Ruby Barrett left Saturday morning for Fort Worth where she is going to spend Christmas.

C. N. Carter, John Carter and Jesse Horner are spending Christmas week with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Stapp of Sidney spent the week end with her folks.

Remember, we have singing at Mt. Pleasant next Sunday night. Everyone come and enjoy the singing.

Fairview boys and girls didn't get to play Downing in basket ball last week on account of the weather but are going to play them Friday. Come and watch us pour it on Beattie.

Jack Cameron, Miss Bettie Cameron, Bernice Boyd and Opal Boyd motored over to Brownwood Monday afternoon.

### STAG CREEK

Regular Correspondent

J. H. Hood and family have moved back on their old home place.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nelson, Misses La Rue, Ruby Nelson Maybell Frost and Carl Nelson and Burl Frost from Ballinger were visiting old friends and relatives at this place last week.

The young people surprised Mr. and Mrs. John Hall with a party Monday night.

Several from this place attended the Christmas tree at Bibb Tuesday night.

A very nice program was rendered with a pretty Christmas tree at this place Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Barker and children, Edwin, Elwin, Thora and Gayle from Turkey, were guests in the J. A. Moore and C. E. LaRoque homes last week.

Mrs. Irene LaRoque and children, Loyd, Truett and Inez, of Cisco were visiting relatives at this place last week.

Roy Fielder who is attending school at Cisco, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Fielder.

Theodore Gholson of Evant was a visitor in the J. H. Hood home Christmas.

Miss Lorene LaRoque of Comanche spent the holidays with friends and relatives at this place.

The young people of this place surprised Mr. E. E. Denny and family with a party Christmas night. This splendid family will move to Slaton this week. They have many friends in this community who wish them health and prosperity in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Janes of Bibb delightfully entertained the young people with parties Friday and Saturday night.

Miss Aurilla Gresset and Jim Powers of Sweetwater were visiting Miss Lena Jaynes Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flyn and brothers and sisters were guests in the Henry Jaynes home Christmas night.

Mrs. Ada Hinson has returned to her home at Union Valley, Ariz., after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pittman.

Miss Minnie Nixon spent the holidays with her parents at Holder.

Miss Elsie Cox has returned to her home at Ralls, after an extended visit with friends at this place.

Alfred Moore has gone to Ballinger, where he will work, after an extended visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Spot Fielder and children, Coy, Oleta, Leo and Hurshell, of Anson were visitors in this community.

Miss Florence Fielder of Tulia spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. R. T. Jaynes, and brother, R. W. Fielder.

### NEWBURG

Regular Correspondent

Dec. 31.—The play, "The Path Across The Hill" will be put on here again Thursday night as it was so cold last Friday night that many did not get to see it and doubtless many of those who did will come again.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrar and family visited Mrs. Farrar's mother, Mrs. W. L. Johnson of Carlton, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrar gave a party last Saturday night which was enjoyed by a host of young people.

Mr. Rosco Middleton of Throckmorton took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reese, also his two sisters with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Levisy gave a party last Tuesday evening but it was so cold that there were not many present.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Anshine of Creamer gave a party last Thursday evening and many from this community attended and report a fine time.

Miss Alma Cosby and Mr. Lawrence Jones were married last Wednesday. The bride is a most charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cosby of this place, and the groom is an excellent business man of Dallas. They will visit in this community this week.

Mr. George Moore visited in the home of Mr. J. A. Lee of Comanche Saturday and until Monday morning.

Mr. Harris and family have moved away from us the past week. We regret to lose them. They will make their new home in Comanche.

Mr. J. I. Vancleave has moved from the Dave Cunningham place to the old Mills place.

Mr. George Henson took dinner Christmas day with his grandmother who lives at Brownwood.

Miss Luella Johnson spent Saturday with Miss Silverta Swan of Fleming and Miss Johnson returned the visit Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Henson visited in this community last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carter of Democrat took Christmas dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Carter of this place.

There was a Christmas tree at the church last Wednesday night and old Santa seemed to have plenty for all. The tree was well decorated.

Miss Berta Hicks of this community visited Miss Velma Price of Comanche last week.

Mr. Percy Wright took dinner at the home of Mr. J. J. W. Love last Wednesday.

J. J. W. Love and family spent Christmas day with Mrs. Love's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moody of Comanche.

Miss Hattie Love, Miss Vera Reece, Miss Ethel Love, Joe Maples, and Pierce Wright all went kodaking last Thursday.

Miss Vera Reece and Miss Hattie Love spent last Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ide Lane.

We have up another basket ball court and a new ball for the children to play with at school.

County Supt. H. L. Gantz and the State Rural Aid Inspector visited our school last Monday morning and seemed well pleased at their findings.

School has been resumed since the week's intermission for Christmas, with renewed interest.

There will be church at the church house Saturday night and Sunday evening, also Sunday school Sunday morning. Everyone invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cunningham spent Wednesday with Mrs. M. C. Mickle and left Thursday for Houston where they will make their home.

Miss Del Stailey spent Christmas holidays with home folks.

Mr. Sam Chatham and Mrs. Grace Chatham visited home folks from Thursday until Sunday.

The farmers are all anxious for some rain so they can finish breaking land.


## New Year Greetings

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND PATRONS

Prompted by our sincere appreciation of the loyalty of our patrons during 1924 we extend greetings and good wishes for the New Year and in so doing give you the assurance of our intention to make 1925 a great year for this business and for those who trade here.

LET US PULL TOGETHER

to make our city a better city and our people a more prosperous, contented people. To this end let us work together in 1925.

**Comanche Produce Company**

D. C. Bailey, Prop.



## As the Sun in its Glory Dispels the Clouds

So May The New Year

Dispel all your clouds and troubles and open before your pathway a clear vision to the greater joys and prosperity.

For all patronage of the past we offer our sincere thanks. We trust it will be our pleasure to serve you in

**1925**

We are Supporting the gas and water Bonds. January 6.

**Slider & Lacy**

Phone Dry Goods 135 Groceries 20

## TEXAS FARM BUREAU NEWS

### HEAD OF LARGEST BANK IN AMERICA COMMENDS CO-OPS

"The Cotton Co-operative Marketing Associations have done marvelous work in the advancing of new methods for gathering and marketing their product, which involve financial requirements that have brought them to money centers outside the borders of their own state," stated Charles Edwin Mitchell, president of the National City Bank, of New York City, the largest banking institution in the world, on a visit to Dallas last week, and while speaking before the annual meeting of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, says the Texas Farm Bureau News.

"Our institution has come in close contact with your great resource—cotton—through our rather heavy financing of cotton movement throughout the Southern states, particularly with the cotton handled by the co-operative marketing associations. For two years, now we have been lending heavily to these associations in the handling of their cotton crop, conceiving it always our duty as a commercial bank to aid the producing industries of the country however they may be organized and wherever their business is based upon sound principles."

### COUNTY IS ACCEPTING CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING

Co-operative marketing of the Texas cotton crop is being accepted throughout the state by the producers of cotton as well as business and financial interests, J. W. L. Hall, field service director of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, declares.

"Records show that already this season cotton farmers from 237 counties of the state have shipped cotton to be marketed co-operatively, and of this number each of 203 counties has shipped more cotton than was shipped last year," he said. "Of the 34 counties that have not shipped as much cotton as last year through channels of co-operative marketing, the difference is only 8,997 bales. The majority of these counties are west Texas counties from which cotton is still being received, and some east Texas counties where the production was much less than last season."

Sixteen counties show no cotton shipments, thirteen of which do not produce any cotton. The production of these three 'outside' counties amounted to 12,113 bales.

**N. H. PAYNE**
**Fiedd Man for Comanche and Erath Counties**

## SUEZ

**Regular Correspondent**

Dec. 31—Every one seems to be enjoying the warm Christmas holidays splendidly.

Misses Almay Owen, Lennie and Rachel Wideman, Hearthel and Fay Frazier and Messers Althemus Owen and Troy Frazier spent Thursday with Misses Barbara and Grace Lane.

The school teachers spent this week with home folks.

Miss Inez Gressett returned home from Oklahoma Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gressett of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Gressett spent Christmas with Mr. J. T. Gressett and family.

Mr. B. Q. Nelson and children visited his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Cooper in Runnells county from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Barbara Lane spent the week-end with friends at De Leon.

Several from this community have been attending the Pentecostal meeting being held by Rev. W. H. Lyons at Comanche.

Miss Inez Gressett spent Saturday night with Miss Mae Gandy of Newburg.

Troy Frazier spent Saturday night and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Herlie Griffith of De Leon.

Rev. W. H. Lyons and family are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lane.

### FOUR YEAR-OLD PICKED 900 POUNDS LAST FALL

Throckmorton, Texas
December 24, 1924

To the Editor, Comanche Chief:

Hsell Weldon Bingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Bingham, age four years, has picked 900 pounds of cotton this fall. He has averaged 45 pounds a day. His biggest day was 61 pounds. He weighs 42 pounds. He was born in Comanche county and has moved to Throckmorton county in 1924. We wish you to publish this if you see fit to do so, we have friends in Comanche county that we think would like to see this in print.

Yours Respectfully,
Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Bingham.

### MONEY ISN'T EVERYTHING

"I suppose you never worry yourself over the grocery bills, George?"

"Oh, no; we let the grocer do that.

### TO TAKE UP DUTIES AS JUDGE IN EASTLAND COUNTY

Tom J. Cunningham of Eastland, who with his family visited with Comanche relatives during the Christmas holidays, takes up his duties as judge of the county court at law in Eastland county in the early days of the new year, having been elected to that position last November.

The character of the opinions that Judge Cunningham is is to render from the bench is yet to be seen, though his friends doubt not they will be very wise and judicious. His opinions on what it takes to make a good town however, are already before us and appear to be first class. He said: "Comanche certainly can not afford to pass up the gas proposition in the election now coming on. When people once live in a town that has the gas they wouldn't be willing to get along without it at all."

### DEAF SMITH COUNTY COMPLETES ITS HOSPITAL

Through Fred Oberthier the Chief has received a clipping from the Hereford Brand containing a picture of the new Deaf Smith County Hospital and a column write up of that institution. Mr. Oberthier as a good citizen of Hereford and Deaf Smith county is proud of the fine new hospital, and demonstrating the spirit of a good citizen he naturally desires that some of his Comanche friends may know something of this progressive move of his present home town and county.

### Review Says League Proves Its Worth

Geneva, Jan. 1.—The League of Nations has passed the point where failure to obtain results on any particular problem imperils its existence, asserts the official review of the year's activities of the league. The review says the league has become a fixed part of the international landscape and time alone is necessary for it to fulfill.

The year's experience has demonstrated that the questions of universality of membership and of arbitration, security and reduction in armaments are bigger and more complex than at first imagined, and time is needed to obtain the desired results.

The summary direct attention to the importance of American participation in the league's activities. It mentions Washington's collaboration in the preparations for the international conference to be held in May for the adoption of a convention to control international traffic in arms.

An American delegation, the review adds, was prominent in the opium conference, the delibrations of which are unfinished.

Emphasis is laid upon the fact that Americans not connected with the government were or are dominent in such achievements as the solution of the Memel controversy, in which Norman H. Davis presided over the commission; the saving of a million Greek refugees by the commission headed by Henry Morgenthean, and the final reconstruction of Hungary under the leadership of Jeremiah Smith of Boston.

### HENS! HENS!

Will pay 14 cents for hens Friday and Saturday, Jan. 1 and 2.—Norrid and Prater. 19-c

"Why do you always kiss your wife through a pane of glass? Afraid of germs?" "Force of habit, old boy. I did all my courting when she was ticket seller for a movie palace."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Comanche Chief for one year $1


## WOMAN SO ILL WASHED DISHES SITTING DOWN

### Mrs. Ashcroft's Remarkable Recovery After Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Covington, Ky.—"I was so weak and nervous I could hardly do my housework as I could not stand because of the bearing-down pains in my back and abdomen. I sat down most of the time and did what I could do in that way—as washing dishes, etc. One day a book describing Lydia E. Pinkham's medicines was put in my mail-box. I saw how the Vegetable Compound had helped others so I gave it a trial. I had to take about a dozen bottles before I gained my strength but I certainly praise this medicine. Then I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Blood medicine for poor blood. I was cold all the time. I would be so cold I could hardly sit still and in the palms of my hands there would be drops of sweat. I also used the Sanative Wash and I recommend it also. You may publish this letter and I will gladly answer letters from women and advise my neighbors about these medicines."—Mrs. HARRY ASHCROFT, 632 Beech Avenue, Covington, Kentucky.

## HAVE WE LOST ART OF "GOING TO BED?"

### Here's Writer Thinks So, and States His Case.

The modern world does not understand the art of going to bed comfortably. The proceeding has degenerated into a mere act of domestic routine. We just go to bed. Of the seductive pleasure, the enjoyment of doing that comfortably, we have not the least conception. Bed waits. Nature insists that we shall go to it, either late or early, so we bend to her will and "turn in" perfunctorily. So far as we are concerned, going to bed comfortably counts among the lost arts. And for our ignorance of it we pay forfeit in the shape of insomnia, neuarasthenia, jumpiness and the various other forms of mental trouble that plague us.

Our forebears, in many ways more skilled in the art of good living than we are, knew the recuperative value of restful sleep, and they coaxed this boon by providing conditions that induced it to visit them—they knew how to go to bed comfortably.

For them there was no stripping off warm clothing to plunge in between ice-cold sheets; no such abominations as hot-water bottles that heat only a small patch of glacial surface and thereby make the rest of it seem colder to the shivering limbs of a would-be sleeper. When they warmed a bed they warmed it to an even temperature all over, making it a delightfully cozy retreat for the weary to creep into.

If a modern house possesses a warming-pan it is hung on the wall as a precious antique that must not be touched lest the shining luster of its polished copper should be dimmed by inquisitive fingers. But our forebears invented warming-pans as accessories to bed comfort and used them to promote it. Filled with glowing embers and wrapped round with a piece of blanket to prevent burning the sheets, the warming pan was thrust into the bed and moved slowly up and down until every inch had been so perfectly heated that when a tired mortal rolled in between the sheets he, or she, would snuggle gratefully down into their caressing embrace and go luxuriously to sleep.

And what jolly beds the old folks had! Not the hard, bone-torturing mattresses stretched upon iron frames that we use, but stout "ticks" stuffed with live goose feathers and pillows filled with down. One lay softly upon them and felt at ease. In an old "four-poster," with its curtains closely drawn, all outside distractions were excluded—one could not help but sleep.

Real bed comfort vanished with the four-poster or "tent bedstead," as it was sometimes called. One still finds examples of these preserved in museums. But they have been ejected from homes in which they once held pride of place among the most cherished household goods.—Exchange.

### Cupid Pitching

Judge Summerfield was deploring the lightness with which people marry and separate. It's getting to be nothing but a game and a fast-played game at that. One of these days I expect we'll have a matrimonial world series.

"Only the other day a young friend came to me all radiant, crying: 'Betty has accepted me; Betty has accepted me.'

"The following day I met him again and noting the downcast look asked what was the trouble.

"'She changed her mind,' he explained. 'I asked her why and she wouldn't give any reason and then she said:

"'Tell you what! Propose to me again, and we'll make it the best two out of three.'"—Los Angeles Times.

### Napoleonic Mementoes

Napoleon's birthplace, the house at Ajaccio, Corsica, has been given to the French government by Prince Victor Napoleon, who, in return, has received the Roman sword of honor presented to Napoleon when he was First Consul, and the superb clock by Clodion. These formed part of the personal estate of Napoleon III and were the object of litigation for years between the late Empress Eugenie and the French government. Prince Victor inherited this litigation with the rest of Eugenie's property, but by the present arrangement it is definitely settled. The sword and clock are now in the Decorative Arts museum.

### Modern Buses for Moscow

Moscow, which from time immemorial has depended upon the horse-drawn carriage and the conventional trolley car for its transportation, will soon have its own motorbuses. Eight omnibuses of the London type will make their appearance soon, and it is the intention of the municipal authorities eventually to obtain sufficient additional vehicles to establish connection with suburban districts. This will do much, the officials say, to relieve the fearful congestion on trolley cars and trains, and will also encourage part of the population to move to the suburbs.

### Seasoning Paper

In the paper industry, as in the lumber industry, seasoning of the newly manufactured product is essential. Papers seasoned or dried in the old-fashioned way by being hung on cords in a drying loft are better than those dried by mechanical means. There is less shrinkage in this way. Before a paper is good as writing paper it has to be sized. Blotting paper is the only unsized paper. China clay is used for sizing the better grades.

## ZULU GIRLS GO TO THE "ALTAR" YOUNG

### Marriageable Maidens Paid for in Cattle.

When a Zulu girl goes courting, she wears her mother's kilt—for the excellent reason that hitherto she has worn no clothes at all, writes Grace L. Morrow, a few anklets and armlets, a "sporram" of beads, constituting her whole attire.

In Zululand, just north of Natal, girls must marry early to replenish the cattle kraals. The maturity of a girl is celebrated by a "coming-out" party, her friends visit her, and a goat is killed and eaten. Henceforth she is an "Intombi," a marriageable young woman.

In the days of the terrible "Chaka," the Zulu Napoleon, they were a well-trained, disciplined people, and could easily exterminate the other tribes. Men were conscripted for military service, and could not marry until the chief permitted it.

When the cattle are scarce, all the marriageable "Intombi" are gathered into the chief's kraal, and set to rethatch the huts, and make new sleeping mats. They probably have their little flirtations like girls of a whiter complexion, which all the Zulu matrons watch complacently. Meanwhile the bargaining for the brides proceeds. So many cattle down, so many to be paid hereafter.

After the marriages are arranged, all bargaining completed, the bride-elect begins the courtship. Donning her mother's kilt and accompanied by a younger girl, she goes to the hut where her "intended" is staying and asks for him by name, but cannot be induced to enter on this first visit.

Again she visits the beehive hut, and this time, if sufficiently well bribed by presents and promises, she will enter. In this kind of advances and retreats three weeks are passed before the marriage is consummated.

In the meantime, assisted by the women of the kraal, she is growing the marriage headdress, which once on is worn for life. Into her tight curls are woven, day by day, coconut fiber and yellow clay, until a huge hourglass-shaped erection begins to form on her head.

For three weeks after marriage the bride is excused from all work, but after that she becomes more or less the drudge of the kraal, doing chores for every one.

When a child is born, it is named after some current event. If born on a journey it will be christened after the river, the sea, or a moorland path. But if born during a smallpox epidemic, the unfortunate child may be labeled for life with such a name as "Nomjuya"—vaccination.

### For Safety at Sea

E. F. Spanner, British ship construction specialist, would reduce the damage from ramming in collisions by building ships with "soft ends." Mr. Spanner advocates using vertical instead of horizontal plates for the bow structure, with the lines of weakness formed by the joints of the shell and deck plating arranged in such a way that these joints would fail in a more or less predetermined way in case of collision. The resistance to shearing offered by the fastenings in the laps and other joints would be such that the gradual overcoming of this resistance and the crushing back of the bow structure would absorb the energy of the motion of the ramming ship so that she would be brought to a stop without piercing the side of the vessel.

### Rome to Have Subway

The royal commissioner in charge of the city administration in Rome has approved in principle plans submitted by an Italian-French group which is seeking a subway concession. The proposals submitted cover the construction of two underground lines which will connect districts between which the traffic is especially heavy, the routes having been chosen entirely with a view to affording relief where it is most needed regardless of the heavy expense that this will entail. The narrow streets and congested traffic in Rome make the construction of a subway especially desirable, as the transportation problem will continue to become more difficult as the population increases.

### Independent Poodle

Somebody's little poodle held up a south-bound passenger train on the Westfield bridge. The men in the cab saw the dog walking along the tracks. The locomotive whistles made no difference and the brakes were applied by the humane crew. The train came to a stop on the bridge. Just then the poodle decided it had gone fare enough in that direction, anyway, and leisurely retraced its steps, passing under the entire train and ambled off the bridge while the passengers were puzzling over the delay.—Boston Globe.

### Saving Lumber

Metal nail collars are now used to save the lumber lost by splitting when temporary structures are being torn down, and the time lost in pulling recalcitrant nails. Before the nail is driven, one of the collars is slipped over it, preventing it from entering the wood quite all the way. Thus a hammer claw can be slipped under the nail head, removing the nail easily. It is claimed that from 30 to 50 per cent of the time heretofore required for dismantling scaffolding can be saved by use of this invention, say boiling together.—Plain Dealer.


## The Old Year is Gone

and its opportunities went with it but the experience of the days of '24 remain with us and we trust we may profit by them to the end that we may serve you better.

## The New Year is Here

with new hopes, new ambitions and new opportunities. We hope that it will bring you new riches and greater joys. We want to serve you when you need anything in our line.

**We are Supporting the gas and water Bonds. January 6.**

**ATWOOD BROS.,** Furniture
**A. C. MOTOR CO.**
Auto accessories

## New Year Greetings

To you who have entrusted business to us during the past year. We hope to know and serve you better in the future. To make it to our mutual advantage to do business is our aim. Give us the pleasure of greeting you often in 1925 in our place of business.

**We are Supporting the gas and water Bonds January 6**

**Comanche County Abstract Company**
C. E. FROST, Mgr.

## Half Sugar and Half Coffee Would Make it too Sweet

So we come with not too many flowery words to spoil our aim

In simple words—out of sincere hearts we buy and utilize this space to say

**THAT WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**We are Supporting the gas and water Bonds January 6**

**Renfro's M...** Phone ...


...ene this

Mrs. L. M. Batten and ... and Miss Nannie Perry visited Christmas with relatives at Bangs. ... Perry, mother of Mrs. Batten and Miss Perry, who has been at Bangs since Thanksgiving, returned home with them.

Mrs. R. A. Tupin and son, Homer, spent Christmas in Dallas.

... T. I. C... during the day.

Rev. Ben F. Hearne who has been here looking over the field at Coman-

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DAVIS K. DOYLE, - - - - Editor


## INTO THE NEW YEAR

Well, here we are in nineteen twenty-five.

Stepped right over the line into the new year yesterday. And what are going to do about it?

Whether we would on no, we must keep company with this new acquaintance, this Nineteen Twenty-Five creature—for the next twelve months. SO LET'S MAKE THE BEST OF IT.

And let's not be satisfied until we have made the Very BEST of it.

Let's see that Comanche is a better town this year than it was before before because of our adequate supply of soft water.

Let's see that it is a better town because of better roads leading into the town.

Let's see that it is a better town because of the continued growth of the fine spirit existing between the town and the country.

Let's see that it is a better town because the merchants and all business interests join first in making better preparations than they have ever made before to thoroughly and satisfactorily serve the trade territory, and then through proper publicity keep the public informed of the fact.

Let's see that it is a better town than ever before because it makes its trade territory larger than it has been before.

Let's see that it becomes a better town during 1925 than it has ever been before by making improvement wherever the opportunity for improvement presents itself.

And when we who live within the corporate limits have done all we can toward making this a better town we will have done much of the part that falls to us toward making Comanche county a better county.

A better place in every respect, speaking of the county as a whole, in which to live and pursue our respective occupations is what we all want.

The year 1924 was a good year. It gave to Comanche some things that will be of lasting good.

Nineteen twenty-four gave Comanche a Lions Club that is one of the best Lions Clubs of any town of this size in the State.

Nineteen twenty-four saw the development of Comanche's band into one of the best bands of the state..

Nineteen twenty-four saw the launching of a good roads movement that bids fair to surround Comanche with the best system of county roads radiating from any town in the state.

For these and many other things let Nineteen twenty-four be gratefully remembered; and let Nineteen twenty-five have our promise of the very best that we can give it, in the hope and belief that it will in turn give to us the best that any year has given us.

## TESTS FOR TRUSTEES

A writer whose name and place of residence is not given says in the Interscholastic Leaguer, the official organ of the Interscholastic League of Texas: "From some of the happenings here the past year I have come to the conclusion that in some way there should be a course of examinations for school trustees and that none should be allowed to serve who could not pass them."

School trustees should be qualified for their positions, certainly. The best qualified men in each school community throughout the country should be selected for trustees.

In most school districts, according to the observation of the writer school trustees are not "allowed" to serve. In most cases they are drafted for the position. Whether they would as patriotically accept the office if condition of an examination attached is to be doubted.

On two occasions within the last two years the editor of the Chief has had the pleasure of attending conferences of school trustees of Comanche county. He is convinced that on the whole they represent the highest class of citizenship, and that they are giving their best efforts to the schools of thier communities.

Fear is the greatest enemy of man.

President Coolidge evidently has decided that we now have enough government at Washington. In his message to Congress he failed to mention the child labor amendment. Neither has bought him on the establishment of and will move about the ... education. uary. former

There was a shadow cast over t... the Christmas sunshine of two little boys in our neighborhood who lost their valuable Collie dogs. Tom Hutchison Jr., lost two, and Artie B. Boen lost

And without fear the Jingoes could not get anywhere. "Perfect love casteth out all fear." The peoples of the earth are a long way from this status; but not so far as they used to be.

"Where there is no vision the people perish." There is nothing truer in holy writ. If a man grows he must have a vision. If a community grows it must have a vision. If a state grows it must have a vision. If a nation grows it must have a vision. Unless man, community, state or nation grow they will wither and decay. This is true in both the material and spiritual realm. There is nothing truer.

The man without fear is the man without bluster. If you hear a fellow making a noise like "rawhide and bloody bones," you may know he is afraid of something.

You are much safer, when a man trusts you than when he fears you. This same rule applies to nations.

The Chief would like to see a community organization in every community in Comanche county. Many of our friends in the different communities will wonder what they could do if organized. If you will just organize it won't be many months before you will be wondering how you ever got along without organization. The people of every community have common interests, and for all common interests there should be unity of purpose and action. One thing we sorely lack in this section of the country is community leadership in matters civic and social. This leadership can only developed through organization. Another good feature of these organizations would be social contact. We in both town and country are living too much to ourselves. If the communities of the country were organized it would be easy for them to keep in touch with one another, and as the people of the country have common interests it would enable us through these community organizations to promote all the common interest of the people of the country. If there were no more to these organizations than the social contact they would be worthwhile; but be assured that they will develop leadership, bring about a better understanding and thus enable us to promote our common interest.

Neither hot air, rounded phases or pointed paragraphs will build towns or communities. It takes persistent intelligent effort. In other words it takes work. We trust that Comanche will start the new year by voting the water and gas bonds—and that both town and country will continue to push the good road campaign. With the water and gas Comanche can offer all the advantages that can be offered by any small town, and many advantages that many of them cannot offer. Then if we get the highway south to San Antonio via Llano and Fredericksburg, thus tying in with the Great Lakes-to-Mexico City highway at Fort Worth and San Antonio, get the highway southwest to Davis mountains and one northwest to the plains country, with those we now have, we will have all we need in the way of highways. Then when the Frisco builds from Menard to Eagle Pass giving us an international trunk line railroad, we will need nothing more in line of railroads. These things are not going to fall our way but they can be had by persistent intelligent effort. Are they worth the price? If the life of Comanche is worth the price they are. When we say that we can have these things by intelligent persistent effort we mean that by such effort we can have all the conveniences for the town of Comanche that any small town can offer—that we can have radiating out from Comanche a system of state and interstate highways; that we can have for Comanche county a system of good roads traversing every community in the county; that by such effort we can build up community organization through the county that will develop a public spirit that will foster anything that makes for the material or spiritual progress and welfare of our people. and we trust that in this, the beginning of 1925, the people of Comanche, and Comanche county will resolve to pay the price.

Mrs. Rollin Strayhorn of Dallas and Mrs. W. P. Hatchett of Lamesa visited their mother, Mrs. M. E. Todd, during the holidays. Hrs. Lizzie Merony was also here, remaining over for a longer visit with her mother and other relatives.

Ewing Chilton and wife of Dallas spent the week end in Comanche with Mr. Chilton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chilton.


**FUR HIDES**

Sell your furs to Norrid & Prater.
19-20-c


**WORK FOR TWO**

Mistress (Severely): If this occurs again, Jane, I shall be compelled to ... week on account of the weather.

## AS WE SIT AND THINK
("Sometimes 'Jest So'")
By J. R. Eanes

We would like at the beginning of this new year to have a "personal word" with the readers of this coulmn. I know it still has readers, for just the past week two good people were kind enough to come and express their appreciation of it, and express the hope that I would keep it up.

I confess that I am of an idealistic trend, and as a rule "personal words" from a person of such trend are boresome. While of an idealistic trend I have enough sense to know that a large per cent of our people are not interested in my ideals, much less in me. And be assured that this column is not conducted for the purpose of created any additional interest in me, but in the hope that through it I may help to foster and keep alive some ideals of life and of government that I hold and that to my mind are vital to the continued progress and welfare of the American people.

I am thoroughly democratic in both religion and politics. I have no desire to be classed as orthodox in either realm. Orthodoxy has been a millstone about the neck of liberty and progress since the written annals of time began.

I became interested in the Comanche Chief because I felt that every County seat town, where population justifies, should have a "country weekly" thoroughly independent and democratic, both as to politics and religion, and devoted exclusively to the material and spiritual welfare of the community supporting it. I have no grievance to air, no axe to grind, no enemies to punish, no friends to reward. I am not partisan. My observation is that many men far more able and forceful than I am, and who from a governmental standpoint, at least, hold to the same ideals, allow their partisanship to curb, and in some instances destroy their usefulness as servants in both public and private life. While not partisan, the Chief will never, while under its present management "soft peddle" any question that it considers dangerous to American ideals of government.

It is a lamentable fact that in these "latter days" we ordinary rural people have few free and untrammelled advocates. While the rural people do more real thinking, straight thinking, than any other class, they have few avenues of expression. The expressed thought disseminated throught the country by means of the daily press, weekly and monthly periodicals, comes from the congested centers—from the cities where both wealth and population are centered. The press is not venal. It has not sold out; but it would be contrary to human nature if the city press was not influenced by its environment—was not influenced by the interest and ideals of its advertisers—and it is neither reasonable or natural for men of wealth, living in congested centers, to have the same ideals of life and government that you and I have. And since most of us now have our daily paper, many of us our magazines, and some of us the radio, all coming from these centers of population and wealth, and all expressing the thoughts and ideals of these centers; it is the more important that each rural county have a mouth piece dedicated to the fostering and keeping alive our thought and ideals. There is absolutely no question but that the soundest thought in the country today is the rural thought. I get week by week and month by month the leading periodicals from north, east and south, and there are a few outstanding men in the centers of population in each section who are keeping their balance on both government and religion. But most of them are radical one way or the other, or influenced by the "interests." When we say "interests" we refer to conscienceless wealth—in this class we find many diciples of Nietzsche, the German apostle of the superman. Since the war these diciples of the German madman seem to be growing in number and boldness—this despite the fact that his philosophy wrecked the German Empire, and drove him to a mad house. For fifteen years prior to the death of Nietzsche he was a hopeless maniac. Yet many of our leading publicists of today are boldly and forcefully preaching the doctrine of the "survival of the fittest"—the doctrine of the superman—that strength and power must prevail—if strength and power see fit to be merciful so much the better—but mercy or no mercy, the strong must rule.

In our ideals of life we accept and propose to champion the ideals of Christ and condemn and refute with what power we have the philosophy of Nietzsche and his school.

In matters of government we accept and propose to champion the fundamentals laid down by Thomas Jefferson, as opposed to those by Alexander Hamilton and his school. These fundamentals in religion and government ... to be essential to the de... progress of mankind,

## HOPE, THE RE-INVIGORATING TONIC

Hope is the reinvigorating tonic that puts new life into the blood of a man when failures have overtaken him, and, broken and dispirited, he is tempted for a while to quit. It is the gentle but steady voice that honest work will win. It is the gleaming star shining over the path of duty. Hope fills a multitude of offices, for it must help a multitude of men. It whispers that the silver lining is beyond the cloud, that the storms can not last, that the darkness will be followed by the day. Hope hovers about those who listen to its voice, cheers them and gives power over many obstacles, but flies away from those who will not work to make its message true. If Hope should for one day be taken from the entire world, there would be gloom the like of which was never seen before. Hope, making better the things of today, ever whispers that the best is yet to come.—D. K. D.

## An Opportunity That May Come

There are several things to indicate that Comanche ought to have a good chance to be a division point on the Frisco railroad at some time in the not far distant future if—

And the IF is this: If Comanche can offer a supply of soft water when that time comes.

Without the soft water the road could not afford to consider this as a division point. The water that Comanche has at present, it is declared, could not be used without too great damage to the boilers.

Now, the situation is this:

There are railroad consolidations and rumors of consolidations. The Missouri Pacific has taken over the I. & G. N. to Laredo, the T. & P. which enters Old Mexico at El Paso, and the Gulf Coast Line which runs from New Orleans to Brownsville. This gives the Missouri Pacific a monopoly on every entry into Old Mexico, except at Eagle Pass, which the Southern Pacific now has.

There has been talk of a consolidation of the Frisco, the Cotton Belt, the Katy and the Chicago and Alton. In such an event they would naturally want an entry into Mexico, and the logical step would be the extension of the Frisco from Menard to Eagle Pass, a distance of some 200 miles.

Now, the division points are placed at distances of 110 to 120 miles. From Fort Worth to Comanche is 112 miles and from Comanche to Menard is 115 miles. So where could there be a more logical place for a division than Comanche?

Making this a division, railroad men say, would mean that there would be at least 200 more men located here in the service of the railroad, all drawing good wages. Cars would be repaired here and much other of the road's work done here.

Maybe Comanche would not get to be a division point under any circumstance, but she certainly has a flattering prospect of it—if she has the water.

This is sufficient to show us that the opportunities for Comanche to expand have not passed, that is, if we get ready for such opportunities.

**WHO WAS SHOT AND WHO WAS NOT?**

A duel was lately fought by Alexander Shott and John S. Nott. Nott was shot and Shott was not. In this case it was better to be Shott than Nott. There was a rumor that Nott was not shot, but Shott avows that he was shot, which proves that either he shot Shott shot at Nott was not shot, or that Nott was shot notwithstanding.

It may be made to appear on trial that the shot Shott shot shot Nott or, as accidents with firearms are frequent, it may be possible that the shot Shott shot shot Shott himself when the whole affair would resolve itself into its original element, and Shott would be shot and Nott would be not.

Some folks think, however, that the shot Shott shot shot, not Shott, but Nott.

Can you tell who was shot?—Byck's Broadside.

**PECAN CULTURE**
(Waco Times-Herald)

The esteemed Fort Worth Record gets up in the meeting to indulge these remarks:

"If California had the soil, the climate and the natural advantages West Texas has for the pecan, it would today be sending out annually thousands of carloads with some sort of 'Sunkist' or other legend on the bags. With pecans retailing as high as $1 a pound in New York, what's the matter with West Texas going into the pecan business along commercial lines?"

The Waco Times-Herald has been lecturing along that line so long and so persistently that some of its friends dodge into the elevator at the Amicable Building the moment it comes into sight.

But it's a subject that needs to be presented in season and out of season. And not as Tom Corwin, the great orator of Ohio said, when asked if he would have condiments in his coffee, "a little cream and sugar, please, but no salt and pepper." Nothing should be omitted.

**NOTICE**

**The Comanche Chief is keeping on file copies of the Congressional Record giving the daily proceedings of the present Congress. Any of our friends who may at any time desire information of any speeches, votes, etc., a little more in detail than is given in the press of the country are cordially invited to drop into the Chief office at any time and consult these Records.**

and in their behalf we hope to do our part.

We had sufficient experience in the newspaper business several years ago to convince us that there was no money in it in a small town, and the reasons given above are my only and sole reasons for being again interested in the Chief, and my only incentive to "sit up nights" to prepare this column.

In this the beginning of the new year, I want to say this much to my friends: I want them to know that I appreciate their sympathetic interest—and may the new year deal kindly with you all.

## Wise and Otherwise

**WISE AND OTHERWISE**

He—"I had something nice to say to you this evening, but I see you're not in a condition to hear it." She—"Why?" He—"Because if your face lights up the powder will go off."—Boston Transcript.

"It makes no difference whether a girl's name is Elizabeth or Katherine or Marguerite or Jane." "Huh?" "You can always call her Peggy for short."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Ananias Club: "The groom and his costume were the center of interest at the wedding," wrote the society reporter.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Is Crimson Gulch wet or dry?" "It depends on the time o' day," replied Cactus Joe. "It's wet up to 1 o'clock in the morning, by which time all the liquor has been consumed and the town automatically becomes dry for several consecutive hours."—Washington Star.

A skeleton of a gigantic reptile is reported in Africa as twice the size of the diplodocus, and probably twice as many persons will be saying diplo-doke-us in place of dip-ploddy-cus.—Pittsburgh Post.

The only other possible explanation of that hiccough epidemic is simply out of the question since the United States is a dry country.—Hamilton (Ont.) Herald.

Mrs. Figg—"I ought to attend that club meeting this evening, but I can't get up enough energy to start." Figg—"Would it help you along if I were to tell you not to go?"—Boston Transcript.

In the old days a beaten path to one's cabin in the woods was fame's highest mark, but nowadays you've got to explain it to the dry agent.—Cincinnati Times Star.

"Why do you gesticulate so much, John? One would think you got St. Vitus' dance on your vacation." "I met so many French dispensers in Canada." Louisville-Courier Journal.

Old Silas Gump, the sage of Sinking Springs, says his wife has never learned to drive their car—except in an advisory capacity.—Reading Times

**DILEMMA OF THE HORN**

"How old is your cow?"
"Two years."
"How can you tell?"
"By her horns."
"Oh, yes, I see. It has only two."


**FUR HIDES**

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**NOTICE**

Bids will be received by the Commissioners court of Comanche county up to 10 a. m. January 12, 1925, for the purchase of one "Best" 60 tracklaying tractor. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.—W. D. Carroll. County Auditor.

**WALKER RETIRES FROM FIRE INSURANCE BUSINESS**

Willis Walker, who for the last eighteen months has been associated with G. W. Jessup in the fire insurance business, having active charge of the Jessup agency, has severed his connection with the firm and will go to West Texas, where he contemplates locating and where he will probably engage in the life insurance business.

Mr. Jessup states that he will have active charge of the Jessup agency here himself. Mrs. Jessup will assist him, devoting her time to the office.

**BOYD FARMERS INCREASING WATER MELON ACREAGE**

Rev. J. C. Boyd, pastor of the First Baptist church, was in Dallas on business the first of the week, and from there made a trip to Boyd, in Wise county, to visit his brother. He says that he found that the farmers around the little town of Boyd were so well pleased with the success of water melon raising and marketing last year that they will greatly increase their acreage this year. He was told that there will be a thousand acres of melons planted in that vicinity this year..

**THREE TIMES THREE IS NINE**
(Contributed)

It is very common for parents who have daughters or sons in college to hear wails and woes about the food they get to eat. Students of the A. & M. College of Texas have plenty to eat on the average, but the real bill of fare is sometimes supplemented by "feeds" put on by various clubs and organizations.

Such a "feed" was the feature of one of the meetings of the West Texas Club of the A. & M. College of Texas, immediately preceeding the Christmas Holidays. The custom of such meetings is to eat first and talk last. One freshman was called upon to make himself known and say what he could regarding his opinion of the College, the Club, and the banquet. True to form, he arose and while stammering around for words to express his sentiments, he remarked in a very enthusiastic manner that he had a p-r-e-t-t-y good time. Later another freshman got up and remarked that what his classmate had said reminded him of a little joke, "How much is three times three?" the teacher asked Johnnie, who's reply was, "Nine." "Pretty Good", commented the teacher. "Pretty good, Hell! Its perfect," was Johnnie's reply.

What Johnnie said applied to the "feed", it was more than "pretty good," and so is everything that is done by the West Texas Club, which is a small representation of what the great College really is. The West Texas Club of A. & M. is an organization founded and attended to by the sons that the wonderful West sends there. The purpose of this Club is to form a conjunction between West Texas and the A. & M. College. It is the medium through that great spirit of the West and that of A. & M. is conducted. It promotes all interest pertaining to its section of the State at College and likewise returns to the West the best that the Agricultural and Mechanical College offers.

**MULES ON FALL TERMS**

Horses and mules for sale on fall terms. —Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

Hear the National Trio at the High School auditorium Monday evening, January 5. The Lyceum course has given Comanche some unusually good entertainments this season. You will enjoy this one.


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**REACHING THE SPOT**

**It Has Been Done, So Scores of Comanche Citizens Say.**

To get rid of an aching back.
The sharp twinges,
The tired-out feelings,
You must reach the spot—get at the cause.
In many cases 'tis the kidneys.
Doan's Pills are for weak kidneys.
Comanche citizens testify.

P. Helmecke, prop. of candy and tobacco store, Comanche, says:

"Shooting pains seemed to pass through my entire body and I had dizzy spells, too. I felt miserable all the time and couldn't rest at night. After using Doan's Pills my back stopped aching and other troubles soon disappeared."

EIGHT YEARS LATER Mr. Helmecke said: "I have absolute faith in Doan's Pills for any trouble from irregular kidneys."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Pills—the same that Mr. Helmecke had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.


**Card of Thanks**

We extend to all our sincere thanks for the kindness shown us at the death of our wife and mother.—E. S. Barry and children.


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# Social News

### Honor for Brides

(The following was received by the Chief too late for publication last week.)

A very quaint affair was offered in honor of Misses Zona and Opal Vancleave at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Vancleave of Newburg on Thursday evening at 6 o'clock, where covers were laid for sixteen. Mrs. Bud Newsome, their elder sister, acted as toastmistress. Miss Zona is the bride of Mr. Wordie Hopkins and Miss Opal the bride of Mr. Bryan Boykin. Mr. Hopkins is a splendid intelligent young man of Abilene, while Mr. Boykin was reared in or near Comanche and is also a splendid and intelligent young man, having many friends who rejoice with him in his happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins left immediately after their marriage for Abilene, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Boykin, who will spend their honeymoon there. May God's richest blessings be theirs is our wish.

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### Sloan—Spruill

At the home of Rev. Z. T. Blanton, Blanket, Texas, Christmas Eve, at 5 o'clock, R. L. Spruill and Miss Dixie L. Sloan were united in marriage, Rev Blanton, who performed the ceremony being the same minister who officiated at the bride's parents' wedding. A few friends from both Comanche and Comyn attended the wedding.

Mrs. Spruill is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Sloan of Comanche, where she was born and reared. She has been a member of the Methodist church here for several years. She has taught school the past few years, and is now teaching her fourth term as primary teacher in the Comyn school.

Mr. Spruill is the son of Mrs. M. E. Spruill of Comyn, and is a progressive energetic, young man, and highly esteemed and respected in his community.

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### Story—Peterson

Mr. N. W. Story went to Austin the first of the week, and on his return was accompanied by his bride, who was Mrs. Nannie Peterson of Creedmore, Texas. Mr. Storey and Mrs. Peterson were married in Austin on Wednesday, their wedding being quite a surpirse to friends of the groom here. They will make their home in Comanche.

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### Kay—Rambo

The marriage of Miss Beaula Rambo and Mr. L. H. Kay took place Sunday afternoon. Wishing to have a quiet wedding they drove over to Hamilton where the ceremony was performed by Rev. Clarence A. Morton, paster of the First Baptist church there. But a merry party of friends suspecting their designs, and determined not to be outwitted went in pursuit, and meeting the couple returning to Comanche showered them with rice and congratulations. The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rambo, has many friends in Comanche, having been reared here and graduating in the High school class of 1922. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Kay of Dublin. After a short honeymoon trip the happy couple will be at home in Dublin, where Mr. Kay is engaged in the cotton business.

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### Wedding Anniversary Celebrated

As a surprise to her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Williams, their daughter, Miss Maidee, invited a few of their friends to their home on Monday evening, the occasion being the celebration of their twenty-tenth wedding anniversary. An artistic arrangement of ferns and carnations afforded the decorations, and three tables were appointed for bunco, in which Mrs. F. E. Adams won high score, a bottle of perfume. Mints were served during the games, and Mrs. McLemore gave a number of beautiful piano selections. Refreshments consisting of hot chocolate and angel food cake were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. John Chilton, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reese, Mr. and Mrs. D. Chas. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. D. Waring. Miss Williams was assisted by Miss Jeffie Thomas and Mrs. McLemore.

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### Mrs. Cunningham Entertains

Mrs. John Cunningham entertained Tuesday afternoon, with a delightful party, honoring her daughter Miss Johnsie, who is at home for the holidays. A color scheme of pink was carried out in the house decorations and bridge was the diversion of the afternoon, Mrs. C. V. Caver being awarded high score favor, a lovely Roman hyacinth, and Mrs. Jno. D. Waring, Jr., receiving the consolation, a box of candy. After the games refreshment plates were passed containing turkey salad, nut sandwiches, orange marmalade sandwiches and lemon ice. Salted nuts were served in lovely pink rosebud cups, and clicker ladies dressed in pink crepe paper were given as favors. The guest list included: Mesdames. Wm. Chilton, James W. Clarke, Jim Slack, C. V. Caver, Lionel Slider, George Simmons, Jno. D. Waring, Jr., and Misses Stella and Dud Hicks, Sara Thomas and Louise Burks.

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### C. H. S. Classes of '22 and '23 Hold Banquet

The Comanche High School Alumni, classes of 1922 and 1923 held their annual joint banquet at the Ridgeway hotel last Friday, December 26, at 8:00 p. m., with Misses Ola and Minnie Cunningham and Glennie Hoff, all of whom were teachers of these classes, as invited guests. Maxwell Farmer was toastmaster, and Thelma McDonald the hostess.

After receiving the guests, each being invited to register, Miss McDonald conducted them to the dining room, which had been decorated with Christmas bells, the table being further adorned with holly leaves and mistletoe. Place cards were stately Colonial dames hand-painted, those for the class of '22 being in rainbow tints, while those for the class of '23 were in the class colors, gold and white.

Miss Ola Cunningham offered the invocation. A toast to both classes by Miss Minnie Cunningham was followed by the serving of the first course, after which an interesting address was given by Miss Pattie Jay, of the class of '23. After the sceond course, Judge Burton of the class of '22 delivered an address and the serving of the third course concluded the program. The menu consisted of fruit cocktail, celery hearts, queen olives, roast turkey dressing, cranberry jelly, English peas in cream, candied yams, snowflake potatoes, asparagus tips in butter, Waldorf salad, cake, Boston culture, salted almonds, mints, demitasse.

This was a very happy occasion for all concerned, being an opportunity to meet old friends and recall the wonderful times experienced together in their happy school days. Out of town members of the classes who were here to attend the banquet, were Miss Pattie Jay Johnnie Smoot, Anton Rauhut and John E. Hoff who are now students in State University; Miss Velma Tate and Maxwell Farmer, of Howard Payne; Loren Vaughan, T. C. U.: Chas. Moore, A. & M.: Miss Katherine Kearby and M. B. White, of John Tarleton: Miss Janice Goodson of South Western University, Georgetown: Miss Ruth Kilpatrick of Canyon Teacher College, and Miss Mary Ellen Carnes of Wichita.

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### Many Out of Town Guests At Christmas Ball

The annual Christmas ball, sponsored by the young men of Comanche took place Thursday night, December 25 at the Tate building, and is said to have been one of the nicest dances ever had here.

The hall was lavishly decorated with festoons of red and green crepe paper, and large Christmas bells. Music was furnished by the Ritz Fox Trotters of Dallas. Chicken and piemento sandwiches, hot chocolate and coffee were served to about eighty couples. Quite a large number of out of town guests attended, coming from Hico, Hamilton, Dublin, Stephenville, Sipe Springs, Desdemona and other places. It was decided to have the New Year ball earlier than Jan. first, so it took place Tuesday night in the Tate building, with fifty or sixty couples attending. Music for the dance was furnished by the Troubadours, an eight piece orchestra, of Brownwood, said to be one of the most popular orchestras in the State.

Refreshments, consisting of sandwiches and hot coffee were served throughout the dances.

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### Mrs. Black Entertains With Bridge and Dance

Hordring Mr. and Mrs. Wm Black of Paris, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pipes of Sherman, who were her house guests during the holidays, Mrs. George Black entertained last Saturday evening, in one of the most delightful affairs of the season, a bridge party and dance. The Christmas season was featured in the house decorations, making an appropriate setting for the bridge tables, sixteen couples engaging in the games, in which the high score prize for the ladies, a sofa pillow, was won by Mrs. Ewing Chilton. Mr. Floyd Lane making high score for the men, was awarded a fountain pen. Low score prize, for the men a pair of dice, with a verse of consolation went to Mr. Henry Moore, Mrs I. E. Ransome receiving the consolation favor for the ladies. Refreshments of creamed oysters in patty shells, crackers, pickles, olives, plum pudding, coffee, and bon bons were served after the games.

Later in the evening a large number of invited guests arrived and an old fashioned square dance was enjoyed, the refresment course consisting of American Cream, cake and coffee

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### Missionary Society Meets With Mrs. Clemons

Mrs. I T Clemons invited the Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church to meet in her home on last Monday afternoon. After the devotional service, led by Mrs. C. Merwin, a business session was held with Mrs. J. D. Smoot presiding. A social hour was then enjoyed, the guests being delighted with readings by Mrs. John Scurry and Miss Johnnie Smoot, and a selection from the Missionary Voice by Mrs. Thompson.

An interesting contest was guessing the names of Bible women from a clever description of their characters. Refreshments of date pudding with whipped cream, white cake and hot chocolate were served to about twenty guests. Mrs. Clemons was assisted in serving by Mrs. Ira Clemons and Miss Johnnie Smoot.

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### Class of Twenty-Four Gather at Banquet

One of the most enjoyable occasions, among the younger set, of the season's festivities was the "get together party" and banquet, of the 1924 senior class of Comanche High School, at the Ridgeway hotel, Saturday evening December 27. Miss Gaynelle Cauley was hostess, and Carter Wilson who was the popular president of the class presided as toast master. Miss Minnie Cunningham was the only guest besides members of the class. In addition to the Christmas decorations which prevailed in the dining room, the table had, as a center motif a large flowering geranium, with pennants in the class colors marking covers for twenty-seven, the favors being sprigs of holly tied with dainty bows in the class colors of blue and gold. After the invocation, offered by Loy Singleton, toast master Carter Wilson gave a toast "To the Faculty" to which Miss Cunningham responded. Following this the first course was served, after which a toast "To the Athletes" by Guy Webb and responded by Alfred Mehaffey were given, followed by second course. A toast "To the Girls" by Loy Singleton and a "Scandal Roast" by Flora Clarke concluded the speeches, and after the third course the program ended with the singing of the class song "High School Days," and a lusty "Yell". A "Christmas" menue of turkey, with the usual accessories was served. It is the plan of this class to make an annual custom of the class reunion and banquet thus perpetuating the friendships and associations formed during "High School Days."

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### Christmas Dinners

Dr. C. W. Ory entertained his holiday guests with a Christmas dinner at the Ridgeway hotel Thursday evening. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Gay of San Antonio, Mr. C. A. Kiker and daughter, Miss Bernice of Dublin, and the host. At another private table in the same dining room a four course dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chilton, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Ransom, and Mr. Levi Smith, who was a guest of his daughters, Mrs. Chilton and Mrs. Ransom.

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Miss Pattie Jay, who has been in Comanche for the holidays entertained with a 12 o'clock breakfast at the Ridgeway hotel Thursday morning, with her mother Mrs. John Jay as chaperone. Covers were laid for six couples, those present being, Miss Ruth Kilpatrick and Chas. Moore, Miss Laura Harris and Calvin Thomas, Miss Mary Dorothea McClanahan and John Donaho, Miss Myra Kearby and Lloyd Mackey, Miss Patty Jay and Hayne Waring and Mrs. Jay and Miss Minnie Cunningham Carnations, which were used as table decorations were given as favors.

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Miss Maidee Williams entertained Wednesday evening with a birthday party for her brother, Herbert. The evening was pleasantly spent in conversation and various games, and the guests were served refreshments of banana nut cream and fruit cake.

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### Holiday Family Reunions

Among the enjoyable events of the holiday season were the family reunions, dinners and Christmas trees.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCollum had their entire family for Christmas day, those coming home from out of town being Jack McCollum and family of San Angelo, and Mrs. L. D. Edwards, and husband and baby from Gatesville. Others present were Mrs. Johnnie Gore and family, Murley Gore and Dr. C. W. McCollum and their families, all of Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Chas. Clarke also had every member of their family and all the grand-children, and enjoyed a family tree and a fine Christmas dinner. There were present Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Clarke of Waco and Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Slider and children and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Clarke of Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Shelton entertained the Shelton relatives with a Christmas tree and turkey dinner. Those enjoying this hospitality were, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Shelton of Sapulpa Oklahoma, Mrs. Elmo White and son Mrs. N. Schnabel and children Mrs. N. D. Shelton of Stephenville and Mrs. Will Shelton and daughter, Nell of Comanche.

Mrs. Aaron Boswell was [illegible] to her father and mother, Mr. and [illegible] enjoy the day together.

# Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cunningham of Eastland visited with Comanche relatives last week.

O. O. and Oswald Brightman came in from Plainview, where they have been buying cotton for the last six weeks, to spend Christmas at home, remaining over for a few days this week. Dwight Brightman left for Plainview last Friday and all of them will be there for some time yet.

Miss Hilda Albin of Baird visited her sister, Mrs. R. H. Lewis, last week.

County Agent J. A. Barton spent Christmas with relatives at Whitney.

Mr. and Mrs. Grade Callaway of Dallas spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Callaway, returning to Dallas last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gib Callaway returned to Dallas Monday after visiting here during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. F. M. Marrs and daughter, Miss Mary Marrs, and Miss Belle Hollingsworth of Stephenville visited in the L. E. Grainger home Tuesday.

Herbert Butler and wife of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Butler, Christmas week.

Miss Johnnie Butler visited her sister, Mrs. Cobuna Cathey, at Hamilton Christmas, returning home Sunday.

Misses Eva and Neva Huff of Dallas were here to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Huff.

Mrs. S. A. Riley and son, Albert, visited in Fort Worth Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Barna Riley and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heflin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Vernon of Vernon, Texas, spent Christmas with Mrs. Vernon's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Westbrook, at Sipe Springs. Mr. Vernon is the advertising manager of the Vernon Record.

Elvin Lowe, editor of the Milford Courier, and wife visited Christmas in Comanche and Blanket.

R. L. Davenport and son, Percy, of Desdemona were Comanche visitors last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Riggins of Winslow, Ark., spent Christmas in Comanche with her father, R. P. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moody had as their week end guests Mr. and Mrs. J. C. East and Oscar Armstrong of Dublin, and Mrs. Vernon Armstrong, Sam Loyd and Paul Whitfield of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Simmons of Dallas visited Mrs. Simmons' parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hill, and other Comanche relatives during the holidays.

County Auditor W. D. Carroll made a Christmas visit to his mother in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Bee Cardwell spent Christmas with Mrs. Cardwell's mother, Mrs. Gerganess, and her sister, Mrs. W. D. Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dingus visited Mrs. Dingus' sister, Mrs. Callan at Fort Worth last week.

Mrs. Bud Bishop returned home Friday, from Grand Prairie, where she had been visiting for two or three weeks.

Mrs. F. H. Oberthier and daughter, Miss Frances, of Hereford arrived Tuesday for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holmsley. Mrs. Oberthier is a sister of Mr. Holmsley.

Mrs. J. W. Farmer of Brownwood, and Mrs. W. A. Roberson of San Angelo returned to their homes Tuesday after a visit here to their daughter and sister, Mrs. Jack Moore.

David Bruton, who visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bruton, during the holidays, returned to Dallas Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Pelton returned to their home at Yoakum Tuesday after a visit here to their daughter, Mrs. C. W. McCollum.

Mrs. Ewell R. Thompson, and Mrs. Sims Kemp of Dallas have been here visiting their mother, Mrs. W. A. Roberson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Barcroft left Monday for their home at Sherman after spending the holidays with Mrs. Barcroft's brothers, Chas. and Milburn Carter. Her mother, Mrs. Henry Carter, went with them to make her home in Sherman.

Mrs. E. D. Crabb returned to her home in Dallas Monday after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Little.

Miss Mabel Bryant went to Hillsboro to visit her sister, Mrs. Butler, during the holidays.

Miss Velma Tate of Brownwood was a guest of Miss Thelma McDonald for the week end.

Jay Holcomb of Dallas and Chas. Holcomb of Fort Worth, visited their mother, Mrs. T. H. Holcomb, Sunday. Another son, J. M. Holcomb, of Haskell county has also been here on a visit during the holidays.

Mrs. Chas. Wright returned to her home in Fort Worth Saturday after a visit to her mother, Mrs. Rob Myers.

Mrs. W. L. Boswell of Comanche and [illegible] of Fort Worth [illegible] of Lubbock and John Boswell of Comanche, every member of the Boswell family being present to enjoy the day together.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harris of Gustine were shopping in Comanche Monday.

John A. Gano of Hamilton wa a recent visitor to his uncle, C. W. Junes and family.

Miss Constance Knutson and Miss Eloise Findley returned Monday from a visit to Eldorado.

Mrs. Floy Goodson went to Dorchester Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. A. B. Bledsoe.

Lucile Gentry spent the week end in Dublin with her cousin, Loena Onstott.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fox of Olden spent the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Donaho.

Misses Eva Lee and Myrt Bryson attended the New Year's dance in Brownwood.

Chas Hoffman and family visited relatives in Dublin Christmas.

Miss Sallie Jay, B. C. Low, and Mrs. Fred West, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kelley of Sipe Springs attended the Christmas ball in Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Campbell and children visited Mrs. Campbell's sister, Mrs. W. R. King, in Temple during the holidays.

Mrs. S. W. Bilsing of Bryan has been visiting her brother, C. Merwin, and family and sister, Miss Mary Merwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cathey returned to their home in Hamilton last Friday morning, having spent Christmas with relatives in Comanche.

Loren Vaughn returned to Ft. Worth Sunday, where he is attending T. C. U.

Miss Virginia Wiesendanger spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wiesendanger.

Mrs. M. E. Guin and daughter, Miss Belle, returned to Arlington Thursday morning. They have been visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. George Hulsey. They formerly lived in Comanche, but Miss Belle is now assistant History teacher in the N. T. A. College at Arlington.

Misses Jeffie Thomas, Johnsie Cunningham, Coralie Kittle and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chilton attended the New Year's dance in Dublin.

Mr. Jno. P. Hoff and family spent the week end with relatives in Clifton. Miss Glennie Hoff left from that point Sunday to return to Austin.

Mrs. Fred Maxwell of Hamilton, and Miss Helen Russell and Roy Comolly of Hico were in Comanche Christmas night to attend the dance.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Huff went to Pioneer to spend Christmas with Mrs. Huff's sister, Mrs. Grady Hutchinson. Mrs. Hutchinson is very ill, and was removed to Comanche this week, to Mrs. Huff's home, where she is in a very serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fox of Olden spent the holidays here with Mrs. Fox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Donaho.

Mrs. T. E. Dunnegan, returned to her home in Fort Worth Thursday, accompanied by her sister Miss Verna Burks. They were holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jokkie Burks.

Mrs. Dave Dingus and Mrs. Sherwood McDonald went to Gustine Thursday to spend the day with relatives.

Mrs. Hugh Clarke, who visited relatives here during the holidays, returned to her home in Waco Thursday.

C. V. Caver and family went to Stephenville to spend Christmas day with relatives.

Miss Zourah Lacy went to Dublin Wednesday to visit her friend Mrs. E. P. Doyle.

Eugene Neely and family returned to their home in Dallas Tuesday after a visit here to his mother, Mrs. R. V. Neeley.

H. G. Wilson of Slaton was a visitor during the holidays of Dr. T. M. Rutherford and family.

Miss Gaye Caudle, who has been a guest of Miss Johnnie Smoot, returned to her home in Stephenville Wednesday.

Mrs. Coleman Gay of San Antonio spent the holidays here with her father, Dr. C. W. Ory.

E. L. Kemp who lived in Comanche for seventeen years, but moved to Dallas six years ago, visited relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bab Lewis, and Roland Lewis were Christmas guests of Mrs. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burks.

J. A. Cunningham returned to Dublin Sunday night, after spending the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Denny of Dallas spent the holidays with relatives in Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Switzer of Eastland, H. G. Switzer and wife, and Misses Ida May and Cammille Switzer visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Switzer, here during the holidays.

Rev. L. B. Collins, pastor of North Dallas Baptist church, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Collins during the holidays.

Rev. Don F. Hearne who has been here looking over the field at Comanche as prospective pastor of the Christian church, returned to Arlington Thursday.

Leslie Moore, a student at A. and M. spent Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Moore.

Miss Fannie Sturkie of Dallas visited here during the holidays with her sisters, Mrs. I. B. Wilhelm, and Mesdames Bob and Doc Isham.

Miss Frances Carnes, daughter of Pomp Carnes of Comanche recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at Fort Worth. At last report the patient was getting along nicely.

Mrs. A. E. Acton returned from Carbon Monday, where she had been to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Hall, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Layne had as guests during the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Hamilton of Fort Worth, Miss Zora Layne, who is attending the North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington and Mrs. L. T. Shook and children. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and Miss Zora returned Tuesday but Mrs. Shook and children will remain for a longer visit.

Miss Bettie Van Blarcom of Fort Worth, daughter of W. D. Van Blarcom, state editor of the Fort Worth Star Telegram, is the guest of Miss Coralie Kittle.

Mrs. J. W. Griffin of Plainview is visiting her brother, Colon Lowe, and family.

Mrs. J. W. Cunningham returned Wednesday from a Christmas visit with her sons and other friends and relatives at Whitney.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Lee and children of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. George Goosby and children of Comyn, L. B. McPherson and family of Hamilton, Roy McPherson of Lockhart and Miss Gertrude Sheffield of Silsbee were Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell.

Roy Williams of Fletcher, Okla., arrived here Thursday for a visit with his uncle, J. H. Williams, and other relatives.

Miss Estell Gibbs of Dublin was the guest of Miss Mary Dingwall a day or two during the holidays.

Pat Holt of the Hamilton Herald was a visitor in Comanche Tuesday. Mr. Holt was employed with the Comanche Chief for a few months some five or six years ago and made many friends here during that time.

Uncle Jack Wright will leave in a day or two for Waco to visit his grandson, Will Stephens, and family.

Danforth Wilkerson, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wilkerson, will return to S. M. U., Dallas, Sunday.

Mrs. Ray Logan and children of Georgetown are visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kilpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Edwards of Richland Springs spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Cockrell, J. A. Cockerell was here for one day during the holidays.

Troy Cauley, who is teaching the Grandview high school ,was here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cauley.

Tom Cox and family of Fort Worth were holiday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cox.

Lloyd Mackey will return tomorrow or Sunday to the State University, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Mackey.

Miss Helen Hall who is teaching at Chickasha, Okla., and Miss Evelyn Hall, who is teaching at Farewell, Texas, were at home to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hall.

Mrs. Howard Kilpatrick spent Christmas with relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Shelton of Sapulpa, Okla., visited a few days this week with Mr. Shelton's brother, R. K. Shelton, and family and Mrs. W. A. Shelton and family.

Sam Todd and Willis Walker are planning to leave in the next few days for points in West Texas on a prospecting trip.

Miss Johnnie Smoot, who is attending the State University, was among those home for Christmas, spending holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Smoot.

C. G. Whitten of Abilene spent the week-end with Mrs. Whitten in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. St. Clair, where she is making a holiday visit, returning to Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mr. George Reder of Gutherie, Okla. spent the week end in Comanche, a guest of Miss Louise Burks.

Mrs. Mort McIlhany and children of Wheeler, Texas, are visiting her father, L. E. Grainger, and family. Miss Ruby Grainger of Brady and Miss Alma Granger of Lubbock were home for the holidays.

John A. Lomax of Austin, manager of the State University ex-students association was in Comanche this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Batten and children and Miss Nannie Perry visited Christmas with relatives at Bangs. Mrs. Perry, mother of Mrs. Batten and Miss Perry, who has been at Bangs since Thanksgiving, returned home with them.

Mrs. R. A. Tupin and son, Homer spent Christmas in Dallas.

## Texas' Rank High In Export Trade

Washington, Jan. 1.—Exports of Texas cotton gave that State a high rank during the third quarter of 1924, as reported by the United States Department of Commerce, and seriously challenges New York for first rank in export trade. For the third quarter the country's total exports amounted to $1,014,675,982.

Reaching figures of $163,205,839, Texas was but $12,703,341 behind the figures of New York for the quarter under review. At the close of the previous three-month period New York, with figures of $191,205,699, led Texas by $105,698,341, when the latter attained export valuations of $85,507,358.

Cotton was chiefly responsible for Texas' climb, and exports for the 3 months in question for this commodity totaled $123,302,574, as compared with $115,424,472 and $53,780,341 for the first and second quarters of the year, respectively. The growth in this phase of trade reveals $69,522,233 increased business for the three months under review over the previous quarter. Wheat and flour also registered an increase in foreign sales, and figures for the third quarter were $13,282,874, as compared with $1,245,002 for the first quarter of 1924, and a negligible amount for the following three months. Refined petroleum exports, which reached valuations of $32,907,544 for the two quarters ended June 30, 1924, totaled $13,815,650 for the third quarter of the year (crude petroleum $1,108,546). Wheat exports amounted to $12,191,976 plank boards and scantlings to $994,065, sulphur or brimstone to $813,065 and oil cake and oil-cake meal to $706,085.

The first ten States in the tabulation, and the amounts of their exports are New York, with figures of $175,909,180, Texas $163,205,839, Pennsylvania $71,834,632, Illinois $70,755,613, California $54,374,555, New Jersey $49,852,174, Louisiana $46,470,829, Michigan $39,715,774, Ohio $31,071,984 and Massachusetts $27,702,446. These States held the first ten places in the list for the second quarter of the year, although in different order. Since then New Jersey has dropped from fourth to sixth position, Louisiana from sixth to seventh place and Michigan from seventh to eighth place.

Grand totals for the first nine months of 1924 give Texas export values of $395,968,740, as against $551,681,312 for New York State for the same time. Texas' total, however, was $176,100,570 better than that attained by Pennsylvania, its runner-up in the race.

### INTEREST IN SPANISH

Austin, Texas, Jan 1.—The percentage of students in the University of Texas enrolled in Spanish courses is greater than in any other university in the United States, according to Dr. C. G. Glascock, associate professor of romance languages. The actual enrollment of 2000 students in Spanish exceeds the enrollment in that language course in the University of California, which is considered at present as the most desirable institution for the study of Spanish.

"The students and faculty of the University and the people of Texas have not realized the opportunities of their own university," Dr. Glascock said. "Neither has the future of Mexico, Cuba, and South America been given the consideration it deserves. The young business men can not do better than to go to some South American country. The scholar, teacher, engineer, or journalist will find it to his advantage to go there in the next few years. Necessarily, they must know Spanish, not only the language, but the history and literature of Latin America, and there is no reason why the University of Texas should not be the place to give them that training. Trade with South America is increasing, even doubling, each year, and there is no forecasting what possibilities the future will hold.

"With the start the University of Texas already has, with the continued interest in Spanish manifested here, with the wonderful Garcia Library, and with our nearness to Mexico and South America, this university can, if it so wishes, make itself the leading university in America. For it is undoubtedly true that we shall witness a phenomenal development to the south of us even in the next ten years. It is a bright future for the university if her supporters will only awaken to their opportunity."


### HENS! HENS!

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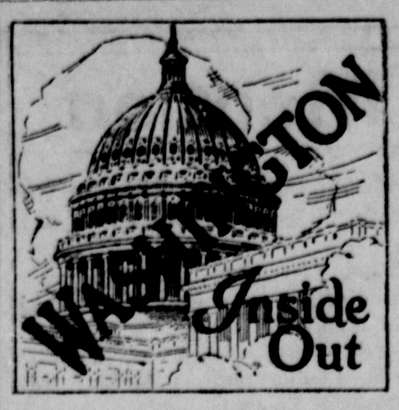
"The election indicated that you retain the entire confidence of your old friends." "I'm not sure I had their entire confidence," answered Senator Sorghum. "The opposition was under so much greater suspicion the folks decided they'd rather take another chance on me."—Washington Star.




**A Weekly Panorama of Events in the National Capital.**

(By Peter Keegan)

The Administration's proposal to increase postal rates on third and fourth class matter has aroused the wrath of most of the newspapers as they would have to foot most of the bill. Hearings on the bill carrying the new scale worked out by Postmaster General New, have been rushed to a close by the joint Postal Committee of Congress so that the legislation can be brought out in the Senate and acted upon immediately after the holiday recess. The rate boosts are calculated to bring about $78,000,000 a year which would be used to offset proposed increases in the pay of postoffice employes, in accordance with the wishes of the President, who vetoed the first pay increase bill.

General Pershing is in South America as a full fledged Ambassador Plenipotentiary for the United States. In company with other Diplomatic officials he represents the Government at various patriotic celebrations of our neighbors to the south. He was appointed an ambassador to give his presence more of an official color. Although such appointment would give him full authority to conclude and sign treaties he has not ventured that far according to reports reaching the capital.

Another California woman is slated to sit in Congress. Reports from the Pacific coast indicate that Republican leaders there are planning to send Mrs. Julius Kahn to Washington to fill out the unexpired term of her late husband, who represented California in the House of Representatives for many years and who as chairman of the Military Affairs Committee drafted much of the war time emergency legislation including the draft law. Mrs. Mae Nolan of California is now the only woman in the lower house. She was named to succeed to the seat of her husband upon his death.

The House of Foreign Affairs Committee has a delicate problem on its hands in the resolution of Congressman Britten of Illinois calling for a conference for an international gathering of representatives of the white Nations bordering on the Pacific to discuss what he looks upon and what used to be considered the "yellow peril," meaning the growing power of Japan in world affairs. Britten's resolution brought the ire of the Secretary of State and other Administration officials down on his head. With a view to show the Japanese government and people that the United States is opposed to any such conference, the Britten resolution is expected to be brought out and acted upon adversely instead of being merely ignored by administration leaders in Congress.

Reports persist that Curtis Wilbur is to retire from the Secretaryship of the Navy to become an associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Wilbur was a judge in California when President Coolidge brought him to Washington for the naval portfolio and his natural bent is the bench. He has had a hectic time in the Navy Department but continues to hang on in the face of semi-official indications every now and then that his resignation is due.

The expected arrival of no infant in Washington has been so extensively advertised as that of Congressman and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth. The local papers have exhausted every possibility in their speculations concerning the forthcoming Longworth heir, most of them deciding that it will be a boy and will resemble its distinguished grandfather, the late Theodore Roosevelt. The 100 year old cradle that the baby will have ready for it has been pictured again and again and the papers are now selecting a name for the child without, of course, any regard of the parents-to-be.

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### "COLD IN THE HEAD"

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Why do they call a roadster "chummy" just because you have to crawl through the carburetor to get into the auxiliary seat? —Atlanta Constitution.

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### VEGETABLES IN TEXAS INJURED BY COLD GALES

Austin, Dec. 30—severe damage to tender vegetables in the lower Rio Grande valley and complete loss of 1200 acres of spinach plantings near Austin were among the results of the recent freeze in Texas, the state markets and warehouse department announced today in a review of the damage. The summary was prepared by J. A. Hunter, market news specialist.

Spinach near Laredo, Eagle Pass and Wharton also was hurt but not as much as that at Austin, the summary said.

Interest in the damage was very widespread because of the important acreage in truck crops in Texas this year and the fact that the movement was just beginning to assume volume, Mr. Hunter said.

The extent of damage to the lettuce acreage has not been ascertained, but it is known that about 100 acres at Laredo was badly frozen.

The big cabbage beet and carrot plantings came through with but minor injuries. The Austin spinach growers believe that much of the seed they have planted had not germinated and will come up now with the cool, wet weather.

### CONGRESS AWAITS NEW YEAR BEFORE STARTING FIGHTS

Washington, Dec. 29.— Congress came back from its Christmas holiday Monday, but under a gentlemen's agreement no business will be transacted this week if it can be avoided. The big fights over Muscle Shoals and postal pay rates will go over until next week.

The house plans to go immediately into the appropriation measures awaiting action. The senate may spend a few days considering unobjected minor bills on the calendar before adjourning for New Year's day and the week end.

The situation after the week's rest is little changed. The members of the senate who are championing the Coolidge plan of paying a $68,000,000 raise in the salary to postal employes by increasing postal rates are preparing to conclude their committee hearings and report the bill to the senate. This will be done before the end of the week. The pleas of publishers to postpone action has been rejected.

The drift away from the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill still is apparent, and Republican leaders believe it will be defeated and the Jones bill to refer the "Shoals problem to a commission" adopted. While Muscle Shoals is still the unfinished business before the senate, the postal pay fight will be brought to the floor Monday under agreement already reached.

### MOVE TO ELIMINATE GRAND JURY BRINGS ON DEBATE

Austin, Dec. 30.— A recommendation to eliminate grand jury indictment for felonies, leaving such crimes to be tried on complaints or information from the district attorney, caused lengthy debate in the newly organized Texas District Judges' association here today.

The suggestion was made by the committee to revise criminal procedure appointed yesterday following organization of the association.

One speaker declared he felt safer under the present system of indictment than he would if placed at the mercy of a district atorney.

The committee's report contained ten recommendations for specific changes in procedure. One of the suggested changes would give the judge the exclusive right to question prospective jurors as to their qualifications.

### WE OUGHT TO KNOW

(Horace Woodmansee in Judge.)

Do you know—

That centipedes grow confused when they try to put their best foot forward?

That stovepipes make excellent collars for giraffes?

That tropical animals sometimes run short of bananas, but they never burst into song about it?

That the hare lost the race to the tortoise because he was summoned to traffic court for speeding?

That elephants accept peanuts from perfect strangers because they believe every little bit helps?

That porcupines never hold petting parties?


### HENS! HENS!

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## Constipation

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### DISCONTINUES SELLING GLASSES BY MAIL

(Commercial World.)

The following article, reprinted from the Long Prairie, (Minn.) Leader, gives sufficient thoughts upon the practice of buying and fitting spectacles by mail. As will be noticed, one of the leading mail order houses of the country has discontinued the sale of spectacles by mail, giving as reason that "the practice could not honorably be continued." People should not throw money away, and risk their eyesight through fitting their eyes by mail. Better buy an ordinary magnifying glass, or, better still, see an expert optician, and be fitted right. The following is the article which appeared in the Leader:

**Spectacles by Mail**

Editor "Leader:" I recently received a copy of a circular sent out by a spectacle house in Chicago, the same being sent to me by a friend, who asked the question: "How do they get away with it?" In the same mail I had received the identical circular, and answering the question of my friend, I have this to say in reply:

Some years ago the largest mail order house in the world, Sears, Roebuck & Co., discontinued the sale of glasses. Recently their manager came out with the plain statement that their reason for so doing was that "the practice could not honorably be continued, as glasses could not be fitted by mail." A large percentage of the people know that this is an impossibility, and that it will always remain an impossibility. It is no more absurd to speak of pulling a tooth by mail, but some of the people do not know it.

These spectacle companies say "do this and do that with the glasses: try them for this and for that, etc." Then when the trial period is up they begin to threaten and demand the money. And it has been found upon investigation that a large percentage of those who send for these glasses, carelessly let the trial period, and more, go by without returning the glasses. Then to save trouble, some pay up. Some return them. Some do nothing at all; they just keep the glasses and ignore the threats of the company.

Now as to what the glasses are and what they do: They are a fair grade of magnifying lenses in an extremely poor grade of frames, such as sell in many hardware, jewelry and variety stores, where there is no optometrist in charge and there is no pretense of fitting glasses. Such stores sell glasses fully the equal of these in question at $1.50 to $2.00 per pair complete.

When the glasses come they do not do any of the things the companies infer they will do. They do not cure any eye strain or fit any eye. But the do make the print look larger so that some old people with failing sight will worry along with them and sometimes apparently be satisfied for a short time. Most of them are never worn to any extent. Those who want to wear the common magnifying glasses can make a much better selection in any store that handles them and at a much lower price.

The practice, however, is dangerous at best. A generation ago it was common for elderly people to select their own glasses. And the large number of people who went blind with cataract, glaucoma and other diseases of the eye are grave illustrations of the results.

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## Change of Life

"When change of life began on me," says Mrs. Lewis Lisher, of Lamar, Mo., "I suffered so with womanly weakness. I suffered a great deal of pain in my back and sides. My limbs would cramp. I didn't feel like doing my work, and there are so many steps for a woman to take on a farm. I was very anxious to get better. A friend recommended

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to me and I began using it. I certainly improved. I went through change of life without any trouble. I can highly recommend Cardui."

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Our Friends Who
Patronized Us
In 1924.

May The New Year
Be a Prosperous
Contented One

## 1925

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## *Dear Friends*

We Extend Our
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# A Happy New Year

Filled with prosperous days and restful nights—health and contentment and the comforts you most desire.

**WE ARE THANKFUL**

For favors of the past year and earnestly solicit your 1925 patronage.

**We are Supporting the gas and water Bonds. January 6.**

## The Home Grocery Moody's Market

## Texas' First Paper Begun In Year 1819

Texas journalism is more than a century old, the first newspaper in the state having begun publication in 1819 at Nacogodches, under the ownership of Phillip Long and his band of filibusters, said Dr. E. C. Barker, professor of history at the University of Texas in a recent lecture on "Pioneer Journalism in Texas." The paper, called the "Mexican Advocate," devoted the greater part of its space to the cause of the filibustering party. It survived two months, and few copies of its editions are in existence, Dr. Baker said.

Another early venture was that of Asbridge at San Antonio in 1823. He issued, during the summer of that year, a prospectus of the proposed paper in flamboyant style. The first issue, however, was not forthcoming, and a man named Bangs later took the press to Monterey.

A second paper was begun at Nacogdoches in September, 1829, published in English and Spanish under the name of the "Advocate." Slocum was the editor. After a few months of publication, the paper was stopped, and nothing further was heard from Slocum until 1832, when he was farming.

The first paper of any importance, however, was the Texas Gazette, begun at San Felipe de Austin by Godman Brown Cotten in September 1829. One volume was issued there, after which the press and fixtures humorously called the "Cotten plant," was sold to a corporation that included Stephen F. Austin and Judge Williamson. The corporation renamed the paper the "Mexican Citizen," and published it until 1833. In that year, Cotten resumed publication of it as the Texas Gazette, and moved it to Brazoria. It was stopped when he began the study of law and was lost to history. The political importance of the Gazette was recognized by Austin. A letter from him to Cotten, now in the possession of the University library, according to Dr. Baker, suggested that he use as his motto, "Mexico es mi patria," or Mexico Is My Country." Austin thought he ought to support the government. The Brazoria paper was sold to a man named Anthony, who published it as the Texas Gazette and Brazoria Advertiser. A few years later, Anthoney died of cholera and the press was lost.

In December, 1833, John A. Wharton began the Advocate of the People's Rights at Brazoria, while the Gazette was still being issued. His principal object, according to Dr. Barker, was to abuse certain people of the state, among them Austin. Four months later, it was abandoned on account of poor support.

"The Emigrant and Texas Republican," begun at Brazoria in the summer of 1834 by Benjamin Gage and Thomas Gray, lasted until March 1836. The publishers disappeared and little is known of their history, Dr. Barker said.

The most successful of the early papers was the Texas Telegraph and Texas Register, which survived the revolutionary times and lasted until the Civil War. Gail Borden, his brother, Thomas, and a man named Baker, were the editors. Its history was full of thrills. It was forced to move to Harrisburg when the Mexican army advanced, and was temporarily suspended when the Mexicans captured the press and threw it in Buffalo Bayou.

These early newspapers depended, as do these of modern times, upon advertising for the greater part of their sustenance. Examples of the advertising were read by Dr. Barker. Ads for a hat factory on the Brazos and on the present site of Liberty; Physicians, merchants, insurance agents, and above all liquor dealers and politicians, were carried.

One Dr. Peebles at Brazoria advertised in the Gazette that he had trepanned Captain Kirkendall and caused his eyes, hitherto blind and dry, to water and redden. A Gonzales professor advertised the establishment of a seminary, outlining courses and their cost, ranging from orthography, orthepathy and arithmetic at $1, to literature and logic at $4.

In their policies, the early papers were as a rule conservative. They did not abuse the characters of private individuals, and they were noncommital concerning crimes until after trials, though they often deigned to offer advice to the officers.

Publication was often irregular, due to the scarcety of type, when one section had to be printed at a time, press defects, pied type, and scarcity of paper. They had many financial worries. They were unusually, as in the case of the Gazette, four or eight pages on paper 7 1-2 by 9 inches, three columns width.

### THE PLAIN FACTS

"Then you have never said a cross word to your wife?"

"No, but I have let loose a few 'round the house addressed to nobody in particular."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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# Sunday School Lesson

(By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean of the Evening School, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)
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### Lesson for January 4

### CHRIST'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

LESSON TEXT—Luke 19:29-44.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord."—Luke 19:38.
PRIMARY TOPIC—A Great Crowd Praising Jesus.
JUNIOR TOPIC — The Triumphal Entry.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Making Christ Our King.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Kingship of Christ.

The title given this lesson is somewhat misleading. Strictly speaking, this was far from a triumphal entry. It was rather the official presentation of the King of the Jewish nation. Back of the cry, "hosanna," the awful word, "crucify" was uttered by the same persons who cried "hosanna." Though they were utterly blind to the fact, God was about to carry out His plan of hosanna, which means "save now," through the crucifixion of the Son of God.

**I. The Presentation (vv. 29-34).**

1. Sending the Disciples for the Ass (vv. 29-31). He told them just where to go to find it and told them how to answer the inquiry of the one who owned it. This shows how perfectly the Lord knows all our ways. He knows our whereabouts by day and night. He even knows our thoughts. He uses unlikely means and insignificant things in the accomplishment of His purpose.

2. The Fulfillment of Prophecy (Matt. 21:4, 5). Some five hundred years before Zechariah had predicted this event. Christ's entry into Jerusalem was an exact fulfillment of this prediction. This is highly instructive to those who would understand the prophecies as yet unfulfilled. Since the prediction of his first coming was literally fulfilled, we can be assured that the prophecy of His second coming will be likewise fulfilled. The first is established beyond a doubt. The second we should as heartily believe. The prediction of Zechariah 14:3-11 will be just as literally fulfilled as that of Zechariah 9:9.

3. Obedience of the Disciples (vv. 32-34). Though the request may have seemed strange, and even unreasonable, they fully obeyed. The true disciple will render glad obedience to the Lord no matter how strange His commands may seem. Obedience to that only which seems reasonable is not obedience at all. May we prove that we are real disciples!

**II. The Entry of the King (vv. 35-38).**

1. The Disciples Set Jesus Upon the Ass (v. 35). This act of putting their garments upon the ass and setting Jesus upon it showed that they recognized Him as their King (II Kings 9:13).

2. Acclaimed as King by the Disciples (vv. 36-38). Some spread their garments in the way. Others, perhaps having no garments to spare, cut down branches of trees and strewed them in His way, which was no doubt just as acceptable to Him. They praised God for all the mighty works which they had seen and cried out, "Blessed is the King that cometh in the name of the Lord."

**III. The Critical Pharisees (vv. 39, 40).**

Although swept along by the demonstration of the multitude they deemed it prudent to ask the Lord to rebuke the disciples, as such behavior might be interpreted by the Roman government as an insurrection. To their demand Jesus replied that such homage was not only fitting but necessary. He declared that if the multitude were silent, the very stones would cry out in adoration of him.

**IV. The King Rejected (vv. 41-44).**

Christ knew what awaited Him in Jerusalem. Though surrounded by loyal hearts, He knew that the rulers of the nations had no heart for Him. His coming trial and death loomed before Him so that He wept over Jerusalem. He knew that awful days awaited it and that loyal hearts would gladly welcome Him if they only knew. He showed that their inability to see Him as their King and Savior would result in bringing upon them the awful horrors of the destruction of their city. He entered the city and rebuked the rulers for allowing the house of God to become degraded by carrying on traffic for gain. The cleansing of the temple only increased their hatred and opposition to Him.

### Obey

Obey the voice of God in the Book, the voice of God in your heart, the voice of God as He speaks through circumstances, and His servants obey.—Echoes.

### In the Sight of God

The self-important are of no importance in the sight of God.—The Living Word.

### Want of Self Reliance

Discontent is the want of self-reliance—it is infirmity of will.—Christian Evangelist.

### Smothered Thoughts

Sometimes little thoughts are smothered to death beneath a lot of ponderous sentences.—American Evangelist.

## OBSERVATION WARD URGED FOR INSANE

**To Provide an Observation Ward Where Patients Will Be Examined and Classified**

Austin, Texas.—Adoption by the coming session of the Legislature of recommendations which have been prepared by the State Board of Control will result in the carrying out of the board's plan for better medical treatment of patients confined in the various institutions for the insane in the State, according to an announcement by the board and such action would obviate the enactment of a law which Senator R. A. Stuart of Fort Worth has in contemplation.

The budget for insane asylums recently adopted by the State Board of Control provide for increase in salaries of first assistant physicians who shall be graduate psychiatrists, and other assistant physicians. These increases are asked with the view of applying the most modern methods in the treatment of the insane. In each asylum it is planned to provide an observation ward where patients will be thoroughly examined and classified, the most acute cause being separated from the others. Efforts will then be concentrated on those patients classified as curable. The board had discussed the feasibility of establishing a common hospital for observation work to be located at some central point, but it found that this would be too expensive. In the opinion of board members, the providing of an observation ward in each institution would be more practical and less expensive. Such wards would save the expense of sending patients to the general observation ward from the institutions in which they are confined.

Salaries of first assistant physicians would be increased from $1,800 to $2,000 per annum, with board and laundry, if the Legislature follows the Board of Control's recommendations. Salaries of other assistants would be increased to $1,800. At the present time some of these receive $1,400 and others $1,500.


**HENS! HENS!**

Will pay 14 cents for hens Friday and Saturday, Jan. 1 and 2.—Norrid and Prater. 19-c

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**Price of Eggs Advanced 40%**

WHY? Because hens and other poultry are run down from hot weather, molting and parasites. Get your share of this increased price, by giving your poultry a wonderful Remedy that is simply put in their drinking water and which will assist them with their molting, act as a tonic and blood purifier, prevent and cure sore-head and ABSOLUTELY rid the fowls of all insects. Get a bottle of "2 in 1" LICE AND MITE REMOVER. Each bottle contains enough to make 200 GALLON of poultry's drinking water—will last all season. Look for trademark—insist on the genuine "2 in 1" as it contains one of the greatest poultry disease preventatives that is known. Accept no substitute. Sold and guaranteed by all drug stores. Send for descriptive matter to

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Many people, young and old, get plenty of food but the vitamin qualities out of which come the powers of resistance, are minus, and malnutrition and weakness ensue.

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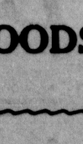

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## PA ON SAVING

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

IT DOESN'T matter what you make,
What great amount of money,
If you're not saving for the sake
Of days that aren't sunny.
Some people brag about the dough
They're making ev'ry minute,
Unless you save a little, though,
My boy, there's nothing in it.

A dollar man who saves a dime,
A little of the dollar,
Is really richer all the time,
However they may holler,
Than those who make a five or ten,
When things are rather humming,
And then just pass it on again,
No better for its coming.

Not what you make but what remains,
How much of it you're saving,
Will show how much you have of brains,
How well you are behaving.
So, when a dollar bill has gone
Tomorrow through your fingers,
Just see that when it passes on
A little of it lingers.

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## *Something to Think About*

*By F. A. WALKER*

### BEING PUSHED ASIDE

THOSE who today hold the exalted places of earth, and about whom the story writers pen entertaining, instructive and inspiring tales, have reached the zenith of their power.

"All their lives these illustrious characters have striven for honor, glory, fame and wealth. The gods have blessed them with their earthly treasures, but the winners themselves are not satisfied. There is something missing. They cannot keep on going.

Having won their seats in the high places, there are no seats awaiting them in the higher tiers.

They have heard their names sung around the earth; they stand now at the heights unable to take another step forward.

At such a point in life the truly great realize the frailty of human endeavor, and fall into the line of belief with the Biblical preacher who exclaims that all is vanity!

When the hunt is on, the trail is hot and the hounds are baying, men are apt to forget everything else in the blood-stirring quest.

And it is well for men that they do forget.

For there's a new set of hunters on the scene every morning, a new ring to the trumpet, a new charge of the horses and a new delight in the smell of the delicious air.

The newer Adams and Eves are crackling the whips and pushing for place. They are crowding out their elders, the faithful, the great who have brought us the latest inventions, who have taught us how to beat the air and fly swifter than eagles; how to send our voices around the world!

Destiny has marked these new Adams and Eves to continue the work of their progenitors.

The elect are not yet known among men, but some morning their names will be flashed across the sky and the news will tell you that here and there new stars have risen, and dimmed the light of the old luminaries, upon whom we have so long depended for guidance.

It is only when our old idols are gone that we seem willing to endow other human beings with life and consciousness.

It comes hard at first, for we realize that we, too, are being crowded out by the new Adams and Eves, and that we must eventually take our places in the ranks where the marchers are slower and their numbers grow thinner with the passing years.

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# Greetings 1925

To our customers, and friends, old and new we extend best wishes for the New Year and sincerely thank you for your kind favors of 1924.

...ng the gas and water Bonds, January 6.

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DRY GOODS AND SHOES

*May Each of the*
**365 DAYS**
OF 1925
BE HAPPY DAYS FOR YOU

There is nothing too good for us to wish our patrons and friends, so we wish you all that you wish.

**We are Supporting the gas and water Bonds. January 6.**

**G. W. JESSUP**
Insurance

# Season's Greetings
## 1925

MAY YOU RECEIVE A FULL MEASURE OF HEALTH AND ENJOYMENT

To the vast number who have entered the door of this business in the past and to those we hope will enter in the future, we send this New Year message.

In 1925 we have plans for the improvement and enlargement of this business to better serve the people of this city and section.

Favor us with your 1925 patronage and we will never give you cause for anything except a full measure of satisfaction.

**We are Supporting the gas and water Bonds. January 6.**

**The City Bakery**
Evans Bros. Props.

***We Wish You Material Prosperity --- and Spiritual Happiness for 1925***

May each milepost
On your journey
thru 1925
Point You on to Greater
Happiness each succeeding step
Until finally you reach
The Goal you most
Desire

and we thank you too, for 1924 business and ask for your 1925 patronage.

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**Owl Confectionery**
Jim Moody Prop.

## Classified Ads

FOR SALE—100 ewes, at a bargain. —Oscar Callaway. 8tfc

FOR SALE—Several good used sewing machines—different makes—at real bargains.—Singer Sewing Machine Co., Comanche, Texas. 4tfc

375 acres of land, 150 acres in cultivation, 1 mile northwest from square for sale at a bargain. Sell in one piece or cut it up to suit purchaser.—See or phone Oscar Callaway. 9tfc

FOR SALE—One Span young work mules, 4 years old next spring. See Sam Todd. 13tfc

FOR RENT—Five room house about 5 blocks east of square. Reasonable. Write Leon Mc Carty, Stephenville, Texas, route 5. 15tfc.

HAVE Five good broke work mules for sale at real bargains, see H. C. Bradshaw at Loudermilk's feed yard or Mark Callaway. 17tfc

FOR RENT—My two farms for rent, one 3 1-2 miles southwest of Sipe Springs; also 40 acres adjoining the M. T. Leonard place on Comanche road.—Mrs. S. A. Hill, 6035 E. Colfax Ave, Denver, Colorado. 13tfc

FOR RENT—Good six room house with bath, well located. See Jim Lane. 18 tfc.

HAY—Johnson grass, peanut and maize. Also for sale a nearly new double disc P & O plow, and some good second hand flooring. Must sell in the next few days. See or phone L. E. Grainger. 18 tfc.

FOR SALE—Good two year old mule, cash or credit. See or phone L. E. Grainger. 18 tfc.

LOST—I lost my overcoat near the stock yard. Finder will please leave it at the Chief office. R. L. Lane. 19 tfc

FOR SALE—Lloyd Baby Sulky, gray reed body, with leather top and padded seat. Good as new. Will sell cheap Call Mrs. Omant at 435 two rings, or write care A. A. Hensler. (1tc)

SPECIAL SALE OF RAWLEIGH GOODS—Monday, January 5, beginning at 8 p. m, we will offer our entire stock of Rawleigh goods divided into eleven groups, at $12.50 per group. Actual value of each group is $20.00 or more. Each group contains a 25 pound pail of stock medicine, insect powder, liniments, flavorings, and numerous other articles of the well known Rawleigh Products.—Six blocks north from the Skating Rink on north side of street. 18p.

LOST—Twelve dollars—a ten dollar bill and two one dollar bills. Somewhere between Charles Harvey's and the postoffice. Return to G. S. Clarke, rural carrier No. 6, Comanche, Texas. 19-c

FOR RENT—My home pjlace in the eastern part of town—H. H. Durham. 19 tfc.

**ATTENTION FARMERS**

We will sell some good work horses and mules at close prices. Fall 1925 terms if desired. Higginbothan Bros & Co.

**Home Again in Comanche**

J. B. Nabers is at home again in Comanche after a sojourn of several months in California, and later of several months more spent at San Angelo and at Best, Texas. He thinks California a great country and West Texas may have its advantages, but he is mighty glad to get back to Comanche, a town and a county that he thinks are mighty hard to beat.

Mr. and Mrs. Nabers are located again at their old home place in Comanche. Mrs. Nabers, who underwent a surgical operation soon after going to California, is getting along nicely and believes the western trip did her a great deal of good.

Mr. Nabers again took up his work as a carpenter here immediately no returning to Comanche and is engaged in the construction of a five room house with sleeping porch, etc., for Tom Luker, six miles south of town.

**MR. AND MRS. SKINNER LEAVE FOR NEW MEXICO**

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Skinner left Tuesday for Roswell, New Mexico, where they will reside. They will be located on a twenty acre irrigated farm, with an apple orchard, and will have 250 white Leghorn hens. They are making the move principally on account of Mrs. Skinner's health. Their daughter, Miss Aline Skinner, will continue her teaching at Winchell, Texas, until the end of the school term, joining them in New Mexico next May or June.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner still retain an interest in Comanche in addition to the natural interest that they feel in a place that has been their home for so many years and where they have many friends, as they still own their home place in Comanche and their farm south of town.

Hear the National Trio at the High School auditorium Monday evening, January 5. The Lyceum course has given Comanche some unusually good entertainments this season. You will enjoy this one.

## Jokkie W. Burks Goes to Take up Duties at Austin

Jokkie W. Burks left Tuesday for Austin preparatory to taking up his duties in State Comptroller's department when S. H. Terrell, comptroller elect, takes over that office. His family will remain in Comanche until the end of the present school session.

Mr. Burks will be chief clerk of tax redemption division of the comptroller's department, which is one of the best and most important positions in the department. Mr. Terrell tendered him this position and it was accepted some weeks ago. There are in all about forty appointees in the comptroller's department, and of them all, it is said, only two of the appointments pay better or rank higher in the department than that held by the Comanche man.

Mr. Burks has known Comptroller Terrell for many years, he states, and took an active interest in his campaign for comptroller. Three times he was offered positions in this office by Mr. Terrell's father, the late H. B. Terrell, when the office of comptroller was held by him, but each time declined. He is especially influenced in accepting now by the fact that moving to Austin his children may have the advantages of the University without having to leave home.

The qualifications of Mr. Burks for the position he is taking are well known, as a great deal of his life here has been spent in work of either a clerical or executive nature. He was county treasurer of Comanche county for four years, and served for several years as deputy tax collector. He was born in Comanche county just a little over fifty years ago.

## Eastern Star Has Enjoyable Time At Home Rally

Those who attended the "Home Rally" meeting of Comanche Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Tuesday night reveled in an enjoyment rarely surpassed. Several visiting sisters and members of families of local Masonic and Eastern Star affiliation were in attendance and a good program, with [illegible] of wit and sociability made the hours fly. Worthy Matron, Mrs. Hill Huddlesston, who presided, called on Mr. L. B. Russell for the first number on the program, a violin solo. Mr. Russell, stating that he was seventy-five years young and that this was the first time he had ever been asked to render a musical number at a public gathering, proceeded to celebrate the event by proving in this, as in many other things, that what he does is very much worth while. His master of bow and tone was roundly applauded.

Mrs. I. M. Cochran gave two readings which held the closest attention, and piano and violin selections were rendered by Nathalie Jessup, Luella Carter and J. C. McPherson. A notable number was a violin solo by Comanche's six year old violinist, Master Jack Jessup. The clear bell like soprano of Miss Merwin, in solo, was greatly enjoyed, and has since been the subject of much appreciative comment.

Mrs. Edwards of Sipe Springs, who succeeds Miss Dona Saye as Assistant Deputy Grand Matron; was introduced and made a brief address. Mrs. Huddleston told of the new O. E. S. Home at Arlington which was dedicated last October, the furnishings for which are being provided by Chapters throughout the state and one room is expected to be furnished by Chapters in this vicinity. The meeting was closed by roll call, followed by refreshments of wafers and coffee.

The address of the evening was to have been delivered by Miss Dona Saye but illness enforced her absence from the meeting.

**Welcomed New Year**

The younger members of the Epworth League remained after prayer meeting Wednesday night and held a "watch party" at the Methodist church with Mrs. Thompson and several other ladies as chaperones. Various games were engaged in until the last hour of the old year which was spent in a Praise service.

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**THEIR FIRST CHRISTMAS DINNER AWAY FROM HOME**

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Redwine and son, Warren, of Comanche spent Christmas day with their daughter, Mrs. Pierce Harris, of Sidney. Mr. and Mrs. Redwine have been married forty-five years and this was their first Christmas dinner to be eaten away from home during their married life. Besides Mrs. Harris, the other children present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Redwine and Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCullough. A very enjoyable day is reported by those present.

## Sun Eclipse Visible Here January 24th

In the early part of the morning, on January 24, Comanche and all this section of the country will have an opportunity to see the sun in partial eclipse. In this vicinity it will be a 60 per cent eclipse, and will be visible for about three minutes, brief period for an eclipse, but astronomers declare that many scientific observations can and have been made in that length of time.

The eclipse will be visible at from 60 to 100 per cent over different sections of the United States. There will be a total eclipse in New York, New Haven and Buffalo; 95 per cent will be seen at Chicago and Washington; 90 per cent eclipse to be seen at Cincinnati and Des Moines: 80 per cent at Atlanta; 60 per cent at Comanche and vicinity, and a 50 per cent eclipse will be visible at Denver.

There is no record for several centuries past of a total eclipse having been in view in this part of the world, nor is one likely to be for hundreds of years to come scientists say.

American scientists, who have traveled to the far corners of the earth to view and photograph the sun's eclipse in recent years, are overjoyed to have a total eclipse delivered to their observations.

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Let us serve you during 1925.

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**Marriage Licenses**

--The following marriage licenses have been issued since December 20:

James W. Hobbs and Miss Mary Martin, Henry Jamar and Elender Crownover, Newman Jones and Viola Jenkins, R. L. Sprill and Miss Dixie L. Sloan, T. F. McCullough and Irma Williams, Lee Preston and Annie Morgan, Artie Rambo and Minnie Lee Graham, Harold Frank and Miss Jew-Vera Simpson, Ellis Steele and Annie Lara Smith, Fred Hart and Miss Oxba Criswell, A. A. Locke and Miss Ruth Brownlee, A. M. Mitchell and Fay Fails, Floyd Boyett and Stella Loudermilk.


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Communion.
Juniors meet at 6 P. M.
Seniors meet at 6:30 P. M. Joe B. Lee, Leader.
Preaching by the pastor at 7:30 P. M. subject, False Christs.
Board of Stewards Regular Monthly Meeting Tuesday at 7:30 P. M.
Mid-week service Wednesday 7:30 P. M.
Study topic: Presumption.
Members of the Epworth League are asked to bring a liberal offering Sunday evening.

Start the New Year Right—Come to Church.
The Pastor.

**1924 We Thank You 1925**

We cannot close our books on the old year nor open new pages for 1925 without giving thanks to our patrons for their loyalty in the past. We wish you bountiful blessings for the New Year.

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